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SHAH RUKH KHAN PIPS MESSI TO WIN TIME MAGAZINE'S READERS' POLL

The Bollywood actor won the 2023 TIME100 poll, in which readers voted for individuals to be on TIME's annual list of the most influential people

SRK GARNERS 4% OF 1.2 MILLION VOTES CAST

SRK bagged 4% of the 1.2 million votes cast by the magazine's readers. The second slot went to the Iranian women protesting for freedom from the country's Islamic regime, garnering 3% of the total votes. At the third spot were health care workers with 2% of the votes. Prince Harry and Meghan, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, came in fourth with 1.9% of the votes polled

ARGENTINIAN SOCCER STAR AT 5TH POSITION

- Khan, 57, is currently riding high on the success of his latest film Pathaan, which has become a runaway blockbuster globally
- Released in January 2023, the film is one of the top grossing films of the year so far, collecting nearly $130 million worldwide
- The fifth place went to soccer star Lionel Messi with 1.8% of total votes

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WHEN TIME'S EDITORS WILL REVEAL THEIR CHOICES FOR THE 2023 TIME100 LIST

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Union health minister Mansukh Mandaviya chairs a meeting to review the Covid-19 situation, in New Delhi on Friday | PTI

Ramp up tests, says govt as Covid-19 cases climb

400% jump in fresh cases; health minister holds review meet

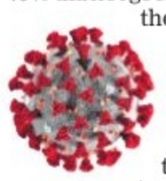
KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

DESPITE a 400% rise in Covid-19 cases in India in the last two weeks, testing hasn't picked up, with some states not even sharing publicly the data on the number of RT-PCR tests being conducted daily, even though the Centre has issued advisories on ramping it up.

Concerned by the laxity, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Friday at a national review meeting with health ministers of all states pointed out that the average tests per million in 23 states and Union territories was below the national average.

He directed states to expeditiously increase the rate of testing from the current rate of 100 tests per million (as on week ending April 7). States were further advised to increase the share of RT-PCR in tests.

A latest survey conducted among 11,000 people in 303 districts in the country showed that 76% did not go for Covid-19 testing, even though they had its symptoms.



The survey deduced that the actual Covid cases might be underreported by 300% in India at present. Dr Rajeev Jayadevan, co-chairman of the National Indian Medical Association's Covid-19 task force, said the reported number would not be close to the actual count of infections in any community, especially during the time of a surge.

Experts said testing is important as it not only helps in generating a more "accurate epidemiological picture" but in providing quick treatment as well as isolation for an asymptomatic patient who might otherwise transmit the disease in the community.

According to Krishna Prasad N C, a Covid data analyst, during the first and second Covid-19 waves, India conducted 17.7 crore Covid tests in 2020 and 54 crore in 2021. In 2022, the number went down to 19.5 crore. This year, till April 5 when India is once again registering a Covid surge triggered by XBB.1.16, just 1.1 crore Covid tests have been recorded.

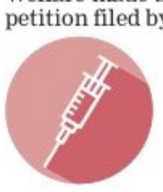
Experts said the reason for the low testing could be due to Covid fatigue. Also, many take home tests, whose accuracy is uncertain.

No policy to provide compensation for vax adverse effects: Govt

P RAMDAS @ Kochi

THE Union government has told the Kerala High Court that it does not have a policy to pay compensation to those who suffer from Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI) as a result of Covid vaccination.

The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare made the submission in response to a petition filed by the parents of an MA student from Pathanamthitta who allegedly died after getting a Covid jab in August 2021. The ministry said the Centre's guidelines do not include forcible vaccination.



Based on global best practices

The ministry said India's Covid vax drive was based on emerging scientific and epidemiological evidence, WHO guidelines and global best practices

Alleging that their only daughter Nova Sabu died after taking Covishield, the vaccine manufactured by Serum Institute of India, her parents Sabu C Thomas and Jean George had moved court seeking ₹1 crore as compensation. They said Nova took the vaccine from a private hospital in Kochi in July 2021 and became unwell from the very next day. They alleged her death was a direct effect of the administration of the vaccine. Since vaccination was made compulsory by the Centre, the deceased had no option but to book a slot in the website concerned and get the jab, they said in the petition.

However, the health ministry pushed back saying its directions and guidelines "do not entail forcible vaccination. The vaccination is in larger public interest. It is duly advised, advertised and communicated... However, this in no way implies that any person can be forced to be vaccinated against their wish."

Rebels may mar Cong prospects in 12 seats

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

THE Congress party, which has announced its second list of 42 candidates, is facing rebellion from those who have not been given tickets. They are likely to make it tough for the party's official candidates in over 12 assembly constituencies in the May 10 elections.

JDS is likely to benefit from this rebellion as it has approached many of them and is likely to field them as its candidates. Either they win as JDS nominees or mar the chances of Congress candidates as they are considered formidable candidates. BJP may also benefit from them, according to political pundits.

For instance in Chitradurga, former MLC Raghu Achar was approached by JDS MLC TA Saravana on Friday. Achar is likely to join JDS on April 14. The Congress has given ticket to actor Doddanna's son-in-law KC Veerendra (Pappy), who was defeated as JDS candidate in the 2018 elections. Another aspirant from the same constituency SK Basavaraj has been denied Congress ticket.

In Kadur, former MLA YSV Datta, who quit JDS and joined Congress, has not been given ticket.

Datta will hold a meeting of his supporters on Sunday to decide his next course of action. He may go back to JDS, a source told *TNIE*. It depends on CLP leader Siddaramaiah's talks with Datta on how the Congress will accommodate him in the party, the source added.

In Datta's case, an audio in which he had predicted that KPCC president DK Shivakumar is unlikely to become CM if the Congress comes back power may have spoiled his chances.

The Congress has given ticket to KS Anand, a Kuruba, who was defeated in the last elections. **CONTINUED ON: P4**

BJP list likely today?

Hubballi: The BJP Parliamentary Board, which will meet on Saturday, is likely to finalise the candidates' list for the Assembly elections. Announcing this, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday said two to three candidates have been shortlisted for each constituency and the board will take a final decision. **P4**

SPP to dispose of Jaya's seized assets

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@ Bengaluru

THE state government has appointed a Special Public Prosecutor (SPP) to dispose of properties worth crores of rupees seized from former Tamil Nadu chief minister late J Jayalalithaa in a 1996 disproportionate assets case.

Kiran S Javali has been appointed as the SPP to appear before the Special Court in the city on behalf of the State of Karnataka with reference to the disposal of properties seized in the case of Jayalalithaa and others.

The properties were seized from Jayalalithaa's Poes Garden residence in December 1996, and included seven kg of gold ornaments, diamonds, about 600 kg of silver ornaments, 11,344 sarees, 250 shawls, 750 pairs of footwear, 12 refrigerators, 44 air-conditioning machines and 91 wristwatches. These items have been lying in government's custody after the CBI special court convicted Jayalalithaa and her three associates in the disproportionate assets case in 2014.

The seized properties could not be disposed of in the absence of a Special Public Prosecutor and the CBI court wrote to the registrar general of the Karnataka High Court in October 2022 in this regard.

The law department issued a notification on March 27, 2023, appointing the SPP. This was in response to the special court's letter to the Karnataka Home secretary to appoint a Special Public Prosecutor.

The appointment was disclosed after a query was made under the Right to Information Act by an activist.

Drunk flyer tries to open door flap

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@ Bengaluru

THE airport police detained a 30-year-old drunk flyer for trying to open the flap of one of the emergency doors of an Indigo flight from Delhi to Bengaluru on Friday.

The incident occurred on board flight 6e 308, which took off from Indira Gandhi International Airport at 7.56 am.

R Prateek, who was on seat No. 18F, was drunk and attempted to open the flap of the emergency door, airport source said. **CONTINUED ON: P5**

Kiran Reddy is BJP's latest acquisition

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR
@ New Delhi

THE BJP's Mission South ahead of the 2024 general elections got another push on Friday when the last chief minister of undivided Andhra Pradesh and veteran Congress leader N Kiran Kumar Reddy, 64, joined the party here.

As many as 11 chief ministers of undivided Andhra Pradesh belonged to the powerful Reddy community.

Kiran hails from Telangana's Chittur district. Whether or not he will add value to the BJP's quest to make inroads in Telangana is unclear as analysts don't see him as a political powerhouse anymore.

Kiran's acquisition came a day after the BJP inducted veteran Congress leader A K Antony's son Anil, leaving his dad in a difficult position.

Recalling his family's long association with the Congress, Kiran said both he and his father Amarnath Reddy were four-time MLAs. However, the Congress high command no longer takes the people's verdict seriously, one reason why he quit the party, said Kiran.

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Don't waste your ballots, says veteran | P4

Jumbo census for all south states | P5

Bandi dares KCR to order judicial probe | P5

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BJP SEEKING POSITIVE MANDATE
Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje says development is the only agenda for the BJP | P4

PUNJAB ON ALERT

Rapid Action Force personnel in Amritsar after a flag march on Friday. Fugitive Amritpal Singh's call for a meeting of Sikh community on Baisakhi day on April 14 has kept the security forces on high alert | PTI

Ban telecast of Sudeep's movies: JDS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A day after actor 'Kiccha' Sudeep announced that he would campaign for BJP, as suggested by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, in the May 10 Assembly elections in the state, Janata Dal Secular (JDS) has written to the Chief Electoral Officer of Karnataka seeking a ban on telecast of movies, advertisements and other programmes featuring the actor.

Pradeep Kumar, spokesperson and general secretary of the state legal cell of JDS, filed a petition with the CEC on Thursday stating that telecast of Sudeep's movies, advertisements and TV programmes should be banned till the election process is completed.

Kumar stated that telecast of the actor's movies or programmes may influence the voters and hence, orders should be issued to ban the same. He also appealed to the CEC to direct the authorities concerned to remove the posters having the actor's photo from public places.

On Wednesday, Sudeep addressed a press conference with Bommai and announced that he would be campaigning for BJP in the Assembly elections.

Opposition cracks as Pawar raps JPC probe call on Adani

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

WHILE the Congress and other Opposition parties are sharpening their attack on the Narendra Modi-led government at the Centre over the Adani issue, NCP supremo Sharad Pawar on Friday struck a discordant note, saying there is no need for a JPC probe into the allegations levelled by Hindenburg Research against the Indian conglomerate since the Supreme Court is seized of the matter.

"If the Supreme Court, who no one can influence, is to conduct an inquiry, then there is a better chance of truth coming to light. After the Supreme Court announced an inquiry, there was no significance of a JPC probe. It was not needed," he told NDTV in an interview.

The veteran politician said allegations were raised against companies in the past as well, followed by heated debates in Parliament, but 'out-of-proportion' importance seems to have been given to the Adani issue.

Questioning the narrative around the Hindenburg Research's report, Pawar said: "An individual industrial group of the country was targeted... that is what it seems."

Raising doubts about Hindenburg Research, he said: "We had never heard of these people... what is their background. When they raise issues that cause a ruckus across the country, the cost is borne by the country's economy. We cannot disregard these things."

While Pawar's remarks could make considerable damage to Opposition unity, the Congress sought to downplay it with party leader Jairam Ramesh saying: "The NCP may have its views but 19 like-minded Opposition parties are convinced the PM-linked Adani Group issue is real and very serious."

It's virtual war as parties let loose cyber warriors

CHETAN MG @ Bengaluru

WITH just about a month for Assembly elections in the state, leaders of various parties are busy campaigning, bearing the brunt of a scorching sun. But giving a major push to political parties from behind the scenes are the cyber warriors, who are burning the midnight oil, setting narratives and planning strategies and counter-strategies.

With the rapid penetration of the internet in the rural areas — besides the foot-on-the-ground campaigning — elections are being fought on the virtual battlefield. All major political parties have their own teams of cyber warriors, handling their social media accounts. The teams are a mix of professionals and volunteers working in consultation with the party leaders.

The Congress and JDS have a dedicated team of 18-20 and 25-30 members, respectively. The BJP has set up state and district-level teams, besides a dedicated team for each assembly segment.

Chairman of KPCC Communications and Social Media Cell Priyank Kharge, MLA, said the Congress is not in a defending mode, but on the offensive this time, citing the examples of '40% Sarkara', 'PayCM' and 'Kivi Mele Hoova' (Flower on ear) campaigns.

"Our team is just debunking the narratives and theories of BJP and its troll armies, which we were not doing effectively earlier. We are also exposing the corruption in the government and ensuring they reach people through out-of-the-box thinking and catchy phrases. There are multiple rounds of checks to ensure that the posts are backed by facts and figures," Kharge said, adding that occupying the mind space of youngsters is the key while retaining them is a challenge.

JDS appears to be more focused and organised than ever in reaching out to the masses through digital platforms. KA Thippeswamy, MLC and in charge of the party's social media, said experts have been roped in and training has been provided to all team members.

"This time we are more organised and have ramped up our capacity. We are creating social media profiles of all candidates and are focusing on posts related to constituency-specific issues with solutions for the same. **CONTINUED ON: P5**

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Priyank Kharge, Chairman, KPCC Social Media Cell

EXPRESS READ

HAL's 3rd LCA production line inaugurated in Nashik

Bengaluru: The third LCA production line was inaugurated at HAL's Nashik Division on Friday. After opening the line, Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane appreciated the defence PSU for establishing a new production line for LCA manufacturing. He also handed over the 100th Sukhoi-30 MKI ROH aircraft to Air Vice-Marshal Sarin, Assistant Chief of Air Staff (Eng A). HAL CMD CB Ananthakrishnan said the new production line will enhance LCA MK1A production capacity from 16 to 24 aircraft per year. **P5**

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Nakshatra: Swathi 1.42 pm • Moon in Vrischika Rashi • Rahukaala: 09:00 am to 10:30am
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MIN 20°C | MAX 32°C
FORECAST Sunny

Sunrise 6.11 am
Sunset 6.31 pm
Moonrise 8.31 pm
Moonset 7.32 am

Tough to monitor WhatsApp poll ads: Official

Legal action will be taken against trolls, WhatsApp admin if authorities receive plaints, says Spl Comm

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

ADMITTING that it will be a big challenge to tackle WhatsApp-based political advertisements in the coming Assembly elections, Ujwal Kumar Ghosh, Special Commissioner for Elections, BBMP, said action will be taken only if a complaint is raised on the CVigil app.

Speaking at a meeting with political party representatives at the BBMP head office on regulations for advertising by candidates and parties on electronic, print, social media, bulk SMS and others, he said advertisements should not contain personal abuse and references to caste and religion.

The cost of these advertisements will be added into candidates' accounts once the nomination process begins, he said. He called upon the print and electronic media to follow the election code of conduct while publishing Assembly election information and to create awareness among people about voting.

He said legal action will be taken against trolls and WhatsApp admin if the authorities receive any complaints. "It is difficult to deal with WhatsApp campaigns, but at the same time, it will be a learning experience," he added. For advertising in electronic and other media platforms, candidates should approach the Media Certification and Monitoring Committee working under the District Election Officer. But there is no such certification needed for print, he added.

"If there is any instance of paid news in print media, the candidate will be issued a notice by the returning officer. The committee will check and if there are anomalies, the chief electoral officer (CEO) will be informed. He will write to the Press Council of India for steps to be taken," he said.

Online cash transactions are being monitored to ensure fair voting. If a case is registered, it will be investigated, he added. He said that over two lakh voters, who are over 80 years old and disabled, will be provided ballots at their doorsteps. The details will be shared after April 15. The election commission will have 200-plus theme booths. In each Assembly segment, there will be five pink booths for women to vote exclusively, he said.

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Ujwal Kumar Ghosh, Special Commissioner for Elections, BBMP

Postal dept works on holidays, set to despatch 20L EPIC cards by mid-April

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

DUE to the thousands of Electoral Photo Identity Cards (EPIC) being sent daily on behalf of the State Election Commission via India Post, employees of the Karnataka Postal Department are working on holidays and Sundays to ensure they reach the voter. The department has already delivered 5 lakh EPIC cards and expects the number of deliveries to go up to 20 lakh by mid-April. It is also ensuring strict vigilance over items booked via post on the directive of the EC.

Chief Postmaster General (CPMG), Karnataka Circle, S Rajendra Kumar told TNIE, "We are presently accepting bookings of EPIC cards only at 68 centres due to the safety aspect involved. However, delivery of cards is done through all our 9,613 post offices in the state. They are booked through Speed Post only and delivery will be done at the address specified." In certain locations, pick-up and drop service of EPIC cards was also being carried out.

Since August, the despatch of EPIC cards had begun. "It has picked up pace in the last two months and we are doing our best to ensure they all reach in time," he added.

The Postal Department came into the picture for delivering EPIC cards following an MoU for 5 years signed by the Chief Electoral Officer, Karnataka, on July 25. Under the agreement, the tracking and tracing of all the articles can be done. Bengaluru GPO is the nodal officer for all purposes and 73 electoral officers have been identified for pick up and booking of EPICs.

"Postal staff go all out to deliver the cards on the date of receipt and delivery information is constantly updated through the Postman Mobile App," Kumar added.

A postman hands over an EPIC card to a resident in Bengaluru | EXPRESS

Vigilance squad checks

With heavy checks under way on the road route, the SEC has asked us to be vigilant to ensure malpractices are not being done via postal articles, the CPMG said.

"The vigilance squad of the department is keeping a strict tab. We cannot open the postal articles on our own but we have other ways of detecting illegal items being booked." He did not elaborate on it.

Postwoman suspended for electoral malpractice

K Latha, a postwoman attached to the Jayanagar IIIrd Block post office, was placed under suspension on Thursday by the Bengaluru Postal Region, said a senior postal official. She had 15 years of service here. Her name figured in an FIR filed at Siddapura police station earlier this week under IPC Section 171 E (bribery) under the Representation of People Act. She was delivering DDs, each one drawn for Rs 1,105, and had 2,710 such DDs with her. The DDs were booked through Basavanagudi Head Post Office and the GPO. "She had worked on a Sunday delivering them along with EPIC cards at KM Colony. KGF Babu alias Yusuf Sharif, an aspiring MLA, responsible for the attempt to bribe voters, has been booked.

MIDSUMMER FEST

Devotees take part in the Karaga procession at Dharmarayaswamy Temple in Thigalarpet early on Friday morning | EXPRESS

Greens: Borewell work in Hesaraghatta a bid to make way for projects

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CONSERVATIONISTS have expressed serious concern over the animal husbandry department taking up work on sinking a borewell in biodiversity-rich Hesaraghatta, stating that this is the start of commercialisation of the grassland.

Wildlife activists have for long been demanding that the grassland be declared a conservation reserve as it hosts a rich diversity of flora and fauna.

Officials clarified that the borewell was being dug after taking the state government's approval to create a eco-friendly goushala on 23 acres of land belonging to the department. The goushala aims to house abandoned and rescued cattle that were handed over to them from Bengaluru and other districts on a daily basis, the official added.

"On an average, we get around 40-50 cattle heads a week and we have no place to house them. We have been requesting private shelters to house them, but that is also becoming difficult. The state government has approved the construction of 100 goushalas in the state and so far 33 have been constructed. The one in Hesaraghatta and Anekal are included in the list wherever the department has land," the official said.

However, conservationists and activists said, "It seems like an attempt to make way for other projects instead of taking up conservation of the grassland. This is the reason why the proposal was dropped twice from the state wildlife board meeting."

An official from the forest department backed the objections raised by conservationists and said that creation of other spaces will only make conservation difficult. The proposal was not also discussed with them when the animal husbandry department was in favour of declaring the area a conservation reserve.

Conservationists said flora and fauna surveys done by citizens, ornithologists and experts have revealed that the region has a rich biodiversity. It is home to a large bird population and small fauna, ideal to be declared as a conservation reserve.

NO YOUTH IN POLITICS, RUE COLLEGE STUDENTS

NAMRATA SINDWANI @Bengaluru

STUDENTS say lack of political representation for the youth is the major reason for this section keeping away from politics. A few of them even called themselves apolitical, showing their disenchantment towards the election process and politics.

Atika Zainab, a first year student from Jain University, says many students are not aware of their right to vote let alone the May 10 Assembly elections in the state.

For people, who call themselves 'apolitical", Zainab says, such mindset comes from a place of privilege. If one chooses to stay quiet despite seeing instances of "fascism" around is a sign of promoting it, she opines. Hence, she firmly believes that everyone must exercise their right to vote.

Priya (19), a college student, says she is not aware of the coming Assembly elections in the state. She may also not go out and vote this time, she adds.

According to Prof Sandeep Shastri, national coordinator of Lokniti Network, people living in urban areas are generally less inclined towards politics. Especially the ones who are financially stable. Those less affluent tend to be politically active as they are keen on making use of certain government schemes. People calling themselves apolitical belong to all age groups. Most of them are from the privileged class and seem to be less bothered about politics, he says.

Lack of internal democracy in political parties is one of the major reasons why young representatives find it difficult to break the barriers. The political system is such that it takes longer for young leaders to reach an authoritative position and take important decisions, he says.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Higher Education Minister Dr CN Ashwath Narayan at the 70th anniversary of RV Teachers' College and RV Teachers' Training Institute in Bengaluru on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Pvt institutions have improved edu quality, says FM

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UNION Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said private educational institutions have grown at a faster pace than public sector institutions. They have made a significant contribution to improving the quality of education in India, as constant financial backing is required to maintain scalability in the education sector.

Addressing students from RV Educational Group of Institutions on the 70th anniversary of RV Teachers' College and RV Teachers' Training Institute, Sitharaman said it is not easy for a private educational institution to flourish and expand, while providing quality education. It is wrongly perceived that quality education can be availed at an affordable cost or only in a government-run institution. Later, she also inaugurated a gymnatorium constructed in RV College premises.

Compared to growth in education, which has been subsequently speedier but also has the required money for expansion of institutions and to pay the growing pay scales of staff. Educational institutions in India have always been considered non-profit organisations which reinvest all earnings into further growth.

Sitharaman said, "My collegiate education has been in a Tier-2 city in a private institution, post which I went to Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). At no point did I feel inferior just because I came from a Tier-2 city or small private institution."

On the value system, she said it is critical in the education system, and it must be ensured that values remain universal and help widen the knowledge bank of students. Teachers play an important role in it as no online learning or automated system can teach value-based learning to a student.

Higher Education Minister Dr CN Ashwath Narayan also highlighted the benefits of the New Education Policy, stating that it has made the education system more skill-based.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

08th April: Practical planetary influences point to a day full of promise for all sorts of down-to-Earth activities. Of course, it all depends on your birth sign, and some people are naturally better at getting things done than others. But even if you are meditating, praying or looking after your soul, that still counts as practical in my book.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Whatever the rights or wrongs of a current personal dispute, both you and partners should realise that the causes lie in the past, and that the future should be approached with an open mind. This is easier said than done, of course, but you can still try your best!

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
You may sit down, talk to partners and listen very carefully to people who may have different ideas and a fresher perspective than you. You should accept criticism, no matter how much it may hurt your pride. After all, even you can be wrong sometimes!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
There is plenty of room for extra effort. If you are to safeguard your material security, you should work as hard as possible. In other words, there's no point in hoping that something will turn up! It is also a useful moment to get your physical condition into shape, by the way.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Your tendency today will be to believe that only fresh creations are worthwhile, but don't throw out the baby with the bath water. You may swing into action socially, and make plans to test out your skills as a hostess or host. Your generous gestures will be repaid in full.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Home affairs and family commitments may consume most of your emotional energy, so you may have little enthusiasm left for romantic adventures or leisure activities which excite you. There's a little extra tension at work; there might be sharp words, but don't take them too personally.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Short trips are in order, which is convenient, but a psychological reading of your chart reveals that what is most important is dialogue and discussion, so take great efforts to make yourself understood. An exchange of ideas could even set you off on an entirely new course.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Financial issues are about to shoot up the agenda, so stay on your guard, and don't make rash commitments. Also, don't make the mistake of under-estimating or under-valuing people who need your sympathy and support. You need to keep potential allies on your side.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You seem to have the upper hand today, even though this may come as something of a surprise. Please don't waste too much time wondering about what you should do next, but throw yourself in with gusto. At the very least you will learn from your mistakes!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
There is so much secrecy around, and you may be keeping certain feelings close to your chest. Partners may be equally reluctant to come into the open, but then there is no reason why they should - is there? Devote a little time to a charitable activity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Your social stars are good, if a little intense. The heaviest astrological pull is towards home and family life, but it may be a good idea either to get out and mix, or to invite other people around. A new acquaintance may provide just the tonic you need.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
It's an ambitious moment, and even leisure activities should be designed to attract prestige and respect. If family matters are on the agenda it could be parental connections which pre-occupy you, rather than responsibilities for children. Perhaps ghosts from the past still need to be laid to rest.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Passions run high, and it's an adventurous moment. Overseas travel could be an attractive option, as could the thought of improving yourself through study. A side issue concerns legal matters, so keep an eye on your rights. But, above all, you need to make your own voice heard above the collective clamour.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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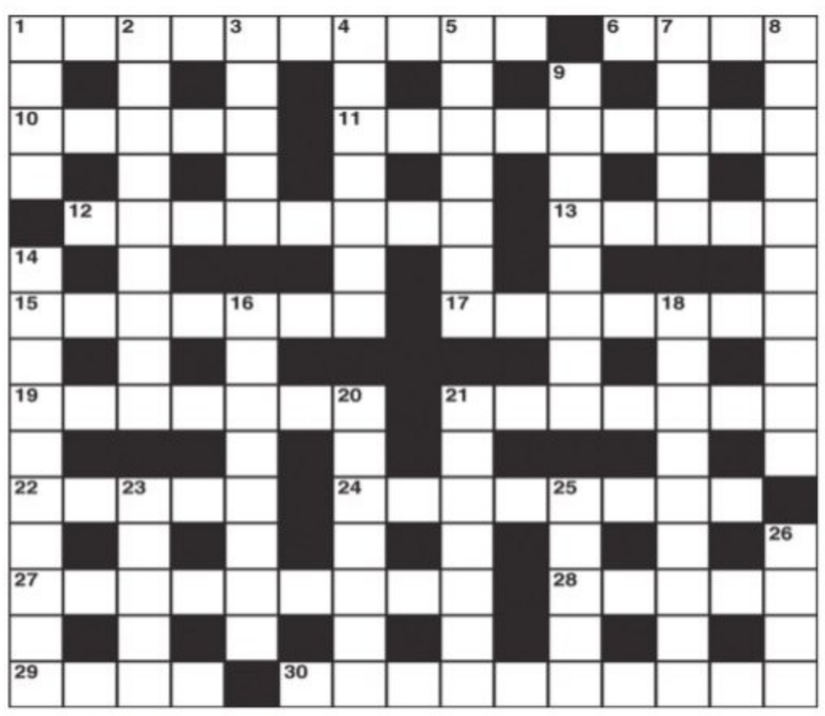

CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Hard struggle appears to end with marriage (5,5)
6 Goddess lives again (4)
10 A good shot but not quite a winner (5)
11 Insect presented by a bird to a fish (9)
12 Happy-go-lucky benefit of a welfare state? (8)
13 It uses rounds or ovals (5)
15 Passes directions around the circuit (7)
17 Joined by the sailor - or the parson (7)
19 Running away for security reasons (7)
21 A new car coat? (7)
22 Bella's wrong name tab (5)
24 Caution had Simon dithering (8)
27 It brings down the tone when depressed (4,5)
28 Cast of exceptional worth (5)
29 Band giving some of Sousa's hits (4)
30 Sort of lady we hate to go before (4,3,3)

DOWN

1 Company in the money (4)
2 A vain fool in futile guise (2,2,5)
3 Strange oriental lake (5)
4 Current lines of agreement (7)
5 Catches cavorting seals (7)
7 Stand and refuse to go forward (5)
8 Happiest time for those not attending night classes? (10)
9 Comes to grips in sporting fashion (8)
14 They provide simple remedies (10)
16 Where many enjoy the pleasures of the slippery path (3,5)
18 It's used to clear a bottleneck (9)
20 Foreign nobleman enraged by exchange of letters (7)
21 Being ruled out the politician appears crushed (7)
23 Uses Polish enthusiasts? (5)
25 Make a score (5)
26 Initially smart approach to gain influence (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Hot dogs, 5 Alpha, 8 Horseshoe, 9 Lie, 10 Snag, 12 Indicted, 14 Castor, 15 Probed, 17 Ethelred, 18 Veto, 21 Pot, 22 Tattooist, 24 Raced, 25 Earnest.

Down: 1 Ha-has, 2 Tar, 3 Open, 4 Sphinx, 5 Ateliers, 6 Palatable, 7 Amended, 11 Aesthetic, 13 Polluted, 14 Creeper, 16 Settle, 19 Octet, 20 Poor, 23 Ire.

JUMBLE UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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MAICSP

I guess she won't need a bath tonight.
It's because she's so sweet.
WHEN THE DOGS STARTED PLAYFULLY "KISSING" HER FACE, THEY WERE ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ITCHY BURRO STANZA DIGEST
Answer: The tabby watched the robins from his spot by the window, which to him was the — CATBIRD SEAT

A man from Karkala lost Rs 1.98 crore after he received a message, requesting him to update his KYC. When he called on the number, fraudsters asked him to share the OTP, and siphoned off the money

NO RELIEF FOR ZAMEER IN ILLEGAL ASSETS CASE

Congress MLA's wealth grew by 2,031%, says public prosecutor

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THE Karnataka High Court on Friday refused to stay criminal proceedings against Chamarajpet Congress MLA Zameer Ahmed Khan under the provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act by the Lokayukta police.

Dismissing an interlocutory application filed by Khan who challenged the case registered by the Lokayukta police, Justice K Natarajan said: "The court cannot go into the merits of the case at this stage, and therefore, I am of the view, that further investigation cannot be stayed at this stage".

The special public prosecutor BB Patil, representing the Lokayukta police, objected to the application and contended that the Lokayukta received the letter from the Enforcement Directorate as they have already registered an FIR under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. While investigating, they found that Khan's assets are 2,031 per cent disproportionate to his known sources of income.

The records were sent to the Lokayukta, and were verified by the SP. After he was satisfied with the documents, he filed an FIR against Khan in 2022.

Therefore, the matter requires investigation, he argued. Khan's counsel claimed that the police should collect the source report, and then place it before a senior officer. After the officer is satisfied that the accused's assets are disproportionate to the known source of income, only then, an FIR should be filed. But in this case, he argued, the Lokayukta police have not made any preliminary enquiry before filing an FIR, and hence the criminal proceedings are not sustainable, he argued.

Loan given without papers

Lokayukta SPP stated that the income tax returns filed by Khan showed an annual income of Rs 20 lakh to 25 lakh against his net income of Rs 2.80 crore from 2010 to 2020. He has deposited Rs 8.48 crore in cash in bank accounts during the same period and Rs 1.84 crore in cash was deposited in a bank account during demonetisation.

Khan had claimed he has invested Rs 22 crore for his house and the site, whereas the actual cost is Rs 55.35 crore.

It was also stated that the documents collected by the Income Tax Department and ED show that Khan, using his position, has secured a loan of Rs 31.03 crore without supporting documents. No repayment was made, and no legal action for nonpayment was taken. The cash was deposited in various accounts and later transferred to Khan's account.

The court cannot go into the merits of the case at this stage, and therefore, I am of the view, that further investigation cannot be stayed at this stage

Justice K Natarajan, Karnataka High Court

HC stays BJP MLA Olekar's conviction

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THE Karnataka High Court stayed the conviction of former minister and BJP MLA Nehru C Olekar in a corruption case until the disposal of his appeal against his conviction.

A special court had sentenced Olekar to simple imprisonment of two years, and imposed a fine of Rs 2,000, on February 13, 2023, for criminal misconduct under the Prevention of Corruption Act based on the chargesheet filed by Lokayukta police.

Granting the interim stay, Justice K Natarajan said: "It is an admitted fact that the appellant will contest the upcoming election. Under Section 8 of the Representation of the Peoples' Act, he was already disqualified because of the trial court's verdict. If the conviction is not stayed, he cannot contest. Therefore, in view of the judgment of the Supreme Court in the Lok Prahari case, the court can also stay the operation of the conviction as well as sentence".

Olekar's counsel argued that the court has already suspended the sentence on the ground that the sanction was not obtained before taking cognizance of the offence. Special Public Prosecutor contended that the appellant, by operation of law, was disqualified as an MLA.

CODE RED

People buy watermelons to beat the summer heat in Bengaluru on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Right-wing activist threatened for throwing ink at Tikait, NCR filed

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Right-wing activist Bharat Shetty, who threw ink at Bharatiya Kisan Union leader Rakesh Tikait on May 30 last year, has approached the police after receiving threats on social media warning him of revenge against his act. Shetty is alleged to have been threatened on WhatsApp and Facebook from a certain Osama Shah.

'We will take revenge for insulting and attacking Rakesh Tikait. Your time has started,' read one of the threat messages. Shah is said to have been threatening the activist for over a month stating that he would finish him along with his family members.

The Yelahanka New Town police, who have registered a NCR pertaining to the complaint, have sought directions from the jurisdictional court if an FIR needs to be registered.

On May 30, Shetty along with Pradeep Kumar, Shiva Kumar and Uma Devi had attacked Tikait while addressing a press conference at Gandhi Bhavan.

The High Grounds police, who had filed a case against Shetty and 3 others, submitted a detailed 450 page charge sheet to the jurisdictional court along with the statements of 20 eye witnesses and names of around 89 witnesses.

Recovery agents assault man for late EMI payment

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R MANOJ Kumar (19), a resident of Mugaluru in Sarjapura, has been attacked by four loan recovery agents, near Chembanahalli Gate, for delayed EMI payment for the month of March due to financial problems.

The accused, who identified themselves as loan recovery agents, are said to have followed him and seized the bike for which he had taken the loan from a private financing firm last year.

After assaulting the victim and making him speak to their manager Dhananjay, the accused told him to collect his bike after clearing the EMIs. The victim has filed a complaint in Sarjapura police station on Thursday.

As per the terms and conditions, Kumar had to pay an EMI of Rs 4,185, which he failed to pay for the month of March. When he cleared the EMI through UPI transaction and contacted the manager again to handover his bike, he was allegedly threatened.

The Sarjapura police have registered a case and are further investigating.

EXPRESS READ

Minor arrested for harassing women

Bengaluru: The Sadashivanagar police arrested a minor boy on charges of flashing 3 women, including a 23-year-old student. The incident happened around 9pm on April 1 at AGS Layout in MSR Nagar. The complainant, while returning to her room with her two friends, saw the accused standing in front of their room and behaving in an inappropriate way. The accused is alleged to have kept knocking on the door and used sexually abusive language.

Upset, 30-year-old woman ends life

Bengaluru: Upset with her husband for not getting chocolate, Nandini (30), mother of two, has reportedly died by suicide on Thursday. The victim, who had been married for 6 years, had asked her husband, Gowtham, to get her a chocolate while returning from the salon where he works. Upon his delay returning home and unanswered calls, the victim commited suicide by hanging. The family was staying at Sonnappa Layout in Hennur.

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RO No. 315 Date: 06.04.2023

e-Tender Notice(National Competitive Bidding)

The office of Executive Engineer (E&M), Pashulok Barrage, Rishikesh invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:-

e- Tender No. NCB/01/EE(E&M)/PB/2023-24

Name of work/supply/services etc. :Strengthening of Barrage gates with application of Zinc rich chemical compound at Virbhadra Barrage under DRIP-II.

Estimated cost: Rs. 1,20,88,039.00+ GST Extra

Date of availability of bid document on website: 10/04/2023 from 17:00 Hrs.

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RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.38,48,315/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Fifteen Only)** as on **18-11-2022** together with further interest to be charged from **19-11-2022** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. Vijayashree E-Bazaar, No.66/7, Chamaraj Mohalla, Mysore - 570010. No.2) Mr. Chandrasekar, S/o. Kuppuswamy, No.28/1, Vision India, New Sayaji Rao Road, Mysore - 570001. No.3) Mrs. Sowbhagya Lakshmi, W/o. Chandrasekar, No.28/1, Vision India, New Sayaji Rao Road, Mysore - 570001. No.4) Mr. S. Manjunath, S/o. Shambusivaiah, No.90, Sameerapura, Chamrajapet, Bangalore - 560018.**

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property Owned by Mr. S. Manjunath, S/o. Shambusivaiah)

Property bearing Old Door No.90, New No.1-4, situated at 2nd Cross Road, Ist Main Road, Sameerpura, Kempegowdanagar, Corporation 49th Ward, Bangalore City measuring : East to West : 30 feet and North to South : 30 feet consisting of Mangalore Tiled House and Common Passage, bounded on : East by : Property No.1-4, West by : Property belonging to Keshavaiah Now belonging to Adiseshiah Setty, North by : 6 feet Common Passage, South by : House Munnajiraya.

Reserve Price : Rs.53,00,000/-
(Rupees Fifty Three Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
24-04-2023	City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Basavanagudi Branch, No.194, Ground Floor, S.C.Road, Near Nettakallappa Circle, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru - 560004. Telephone No.080-26612162, Cell No.9343879470.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru Basavanagudi Branch, No.194, Ground Floor, S.C.Road, Near Nettakallappa Circle, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru - 560004. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-26612162, Cell No.9343879470. (5)** The property/ ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the Sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 06-04-2023 Authorised Officer

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Note:- That our **198 - Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR: 501812080062532) dated **30-03-2020** requested by No.**1** of you represented by No.**2** of you as Proprietor for which Nos.**2 & 3** of you stood as Co-Obligant for the facility for a Total Amount of **Rs.19,00,000/-** at a ROI of **14.75%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **07-08-2021** and the outstanding balance as on **29-03-2023** is **Rs.25,79,740/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty only)** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **30-03-2023** till the date of realization.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Property - 1 : (Property Owned by Mrs. Lakshmi Madhusudhan, W/o. Mr. Madhusudhan)

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Old Sy.No.151/1, New Sy.No.151/12, consisting of 4½ Guntas of Land situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District. Bounded on:- East by - Block No.1, Property sold to Krishnappa, West by - Govt. Voni, North by - Govt. Katte, South by - Block No.1, Road.

Reserve Price : Rs.64,00,000/-
(Rupees Sixty Four Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
26-04-2023	City Union Bank Limited, Ramanagara - Bengaluru Branch, B.M. Road, No.316, Ist Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bengaluru - Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural - 571511. Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell No.9379511195

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

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POSSESSION NOTICE Appendix IV [Rule 8(1)

APPENDIX IV [RULE 8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY MORTGAGED TO UDAYA SOUHARDA CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD. M NO. 01107596.

For immovable property mortagage to **Udaya Souharda Credit Co-Operative Ltd.,** Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Udaya Souharda Credit Co-operative Society Ltd, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated **09.01.2023** calling upon the borrower mentioned herein below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under **Sub Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8** of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **03rd day of April of the year 2023.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **UDAYA SOUHARDA CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD,** for an amount mentioned below and interest thereon.

You are further requested to note that as per Section 13(13) of The Sarfaesi Act, 2002, you are Restrained/Prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the Secured Asset, without prior written consent of **UDAYA SOUHARDA CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD.,** The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DETAILS OF THE LOAN ACCOUNT : Name of the Borrower : Sri. Ravi Kumar .H .R S/O. Sri. Rajashekaraiah .M, Date of Demand Notice Under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002, **09.01.2023.**

Amount in Demand Notice : Rs. 22,96,202/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Ninty Six Thousand Two Hundred and Two Only)

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY : All the piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Site No. 2, Katha No. 404/P2-2, formed out of property No. 404/P2, situated at 4th Cross, Manjunathnagar, Kalkere village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East taluk. The Property Presently Comes Under the BBMP Jurisdiction of Word No. 26.Measuring East to West : 24 feet and North to South : 32 feet in all Measuring 768 Sq feet.Bounded on: East By : Site No. 3, West By : Site No. 1, North By : Private Property, South By : Road.

SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY : 192 Sq.Ft of Undivided right, title Interest and Ownership in the Item No-1.

SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of Apartment bearing No.G-02,on Ground Floor constructed in Schedule-I Property,measuring 700 Sq feet of super built up area, walls made of bricks and cement,RCC roofing and Mosic flooring,honne wood used,together with proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircases and others areas of common use with concealed wiring,constructed and in Property bearing Site No. 2, Katha No. 404/P2-2, formed out of property No. 404/P2, situated at Manjunathnagar, Kalkere village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East taluk, Presently Comes Under BBMP Jurisdiction of Word No. 26. Bounded on by : East By : Flot No. G-03, West By : Flot No.G-01, North By : Private Property, South By : Road/Private Property.

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Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **M/s. SHRIRAM CITY UNION FINANCE LTD. (since amalgamated with M/s.SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED),** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **19.09.2022**, To : **(i) M/s. Sri Gayathri Constructions (Borrower)** Represented by its Managing partner. Mr.G.Srinivas, @ Mr.Srinivas Guduru, No.C-29, Madhura Nagar, Yousufguda, Hyderabad-500 038, **(ii) Mr.G.Srinivas @ Mr.Srinivas Guduru, (Guarantor & Mortgagor),** S/o. Mr.Subba Rao, **(iii) Mrs.G.Beena Devi, (Guarantor)** W/o.Mr.G.Srinivas @ Mr.Srinivas Guduru, both residing at No.C-29, Madhura Nagar, Yousufguda, Hyderabad - 500 038. **(iv) Mr. Venkataradha Krishna Murthy Puttagunda @ Mr. P.V.R.K. Murthy (Guarantor)**, S/o. Mr.Apparao Puttagunda, F No.305, Srinivasa, Village Dhruva –I, Yousufguda, Hyderabad-500045, calling upon them to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.12,76,21,859/-** as on **17.09.2022** with further interest from 18.09.2022 on Enterprise Finance loan Agreement **HMYTNTF1203290001** dated **24.03.2012** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Pursuant to the Scheme of Amalgamation approved by the Hon'ble NCLT, Chennai on 09.11.2022 in C.P.No: 69-76 of 2022, M/s.Shriram City Union Finance Limited was merged with M/s. Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited. Subsequently, the name of M/s. Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited stands changed to **M/s.Shriram Finance Limited** with effect from 30.11.2022 as per "Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to change of Name" as certified by Registrar of Companies under Government of India, Ministry of Corporate Affairs. Hence, the present notice is issued by M/s. Shriram Finance Limited, the Secured Creditor in existence as on date.

The guarantors/mortgagor and borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the mortgagor/guarantors/borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this **6th Day of April 2023.**

The guarantors/mortgagor and borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned NOT to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **M/s. Shriram Finance Ltd.,** for an amount of **Rs.12,76,21,859/-** as on **17.09.2022** with further interest from 18.09.2022 on Enterprise Finance Loan Account.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Schedule of the Properties: Property bearing House List Katha No. 554/1, property No.158 situated at Bergur Village, Bergur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, now coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP, measuring East to West 165 ft, and North to South 165 ft, in all measuring **27225 Sq. Ft.,** and bounded by: East by : 40 ft Road, West by : 40 ft Road, North by : Remaining portion of property No.158 belong to the vendors, South by : AECS layout (HAL)

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'Congress' is a closed chapter in the life of DB Inamdar and his family, said daughter-in-law Laxmi Vikram Inamdar, adding that her family has decided to part ways with the Grand Old Party. It may be recalled that a decision has been taken to field Babasaheb Patil as a Congress candidate from Kittur constituency in the Assembly polls. This irked the Inamdar family

BATTLE FOR BALLOT

'BJP IS SEEKING A POSITIVE MANDATE; DEVELOPMENT IS THE ONLY AGENDA'

RAMU PATIL @Bengaluru

BJP Karnataka Election Management Committee Convener and Union Minister of State for Agriculture **Shobha Karandlaje** on Friday said BJP is seeking a positive mandate, and development is the only agenda. Excerpts.

You worked in UP elections. How is that experience helping you as the head of the Election Management Committee?
In UP, I was given the responsibility to work in 82 constituencies. Ensuring good law and order and providing foodgrains at the doorsteps of people were the major issues in UP. The focus here is on the "double engine" government's work. People here feel Prime Minister Narendra Modi is doing good work and there is a need for the same party government here to give impetus to development. Former chief minister BS Yediyurappa feels we need to bring back the BJP government to strengthen Modi's hands. The Modi-Yediyurappa combination adds special strength to bring the party to power again. This will also lay the foundation for the 2024 general elections.

Will there be any changes in the campaign strategy as elections are just around 30 days away?
There is a lot of demand for rallies by Modi, UP CM Yogi Adithyanath and Amit Shah. We plan according to their availability and local requirements. There is a lot of demand for Yediyurappa to come and campaign in reserved constituencies. We are working out all the details.

What is your realistic assessment of the situation?
I am 100% sure that we are ahead of others. Congress is like a ship without a captain. Even they do not know when it will sink. Who is leading the party? Here, Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar are fighting. MB Patil says he is also a CM candidate. People are watching the developments. They also know what happened when there was a split verdict. People have full confidence in BJP and they will give a clear mandate.

What is BJP's poll plank?
Development is our major poll plank. We are seeking a positive mandate. We are going to the polls with positive thinking. There is nothing new in the fight between (Congress leaders) Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar. We are focusing on our development agenda.

Do you think the government's decision on reservation helps the party?
Yes, it will help 100 per cent. The reservation is also part of development. Quotas for backward classes, economically weaker sections, Lingayats, Vokkaligas and SC/STs have been increased and they now feel confident that they will get justice in education and employment. We have also tried to solve the issue of internal reservation. We did not constitute the Justice AJ Sadashiva Commission. They (Congress) did, and got the report, but failed to do justice to it. Also, we cannot accept everything in the Sadashiva commission report. We have ensured justice to communities based on their population. The reservation for Muslims was based on religion and was done for vote bank politics. We have corrected that mistake by scrapping it (the 4 per cent reservation for Muslims under 2B) and giving it to Lingayats and Vokkaligas. This was done to ensure social justice.

How do you respond to corruption allegations against the government?
People do not trust them (Congress). The BJP government has taken action against those involved in corruption. Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar talk about corruption, but they defanged the Lokayukta by withdrawing its powers and setting up the Anti-Corruption Bureau. They were worried that their cases would come out. Congress has no moral right to talk about corruption. Action taken against (BJP MLA Madal) Veerupakshappa shows that we do not tolerate it.

If BJP returns to power with a full majority, will Shobha Karandlaje be the next CM?
No. I am happy to be part of the Modi government. There is no greater honour than that. I realised it after becoming a minister. Modi is not just a politician or a PM, he is a statesman. He never talks about how we face the 2024 elections and always thinks about how and where India should be when we celebrate the centenary year of Independence. I am fortunate to be part of his ministry.

It is a battle of prestige for Bommai, as Congress trying to queer pitch for CM

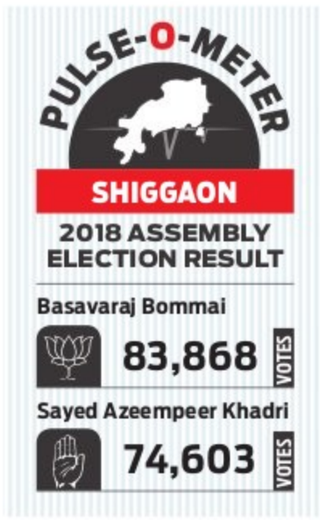
PRAMODKUMAR VAIDYA @Hubballi

THE Shiggaon Assembly segment, which once elected the tallest Congress leader S Nijalingappa, came to the limelight the second time only after Basavaraj Bommai became chief minister in mid-2021. Everybody's eyes are on the constituency ahead of the May 10 Assembly elections as the sitting chief minister is seeking a re-election from here, turning it into a battle of prestige for the saffron party.

Nijalingappa, after being elected from here in 1967, went on to become unified Karnataka's first chief minister. Congress, too, continued its hold over the constituency, off and on, till 2008. But Bommai, who deserted Janata Dal (United) and joined BJP, turned it into a saffron party bastion. Though Bommai is from Hubballi, he was made to contest from Shiggaon as not indulging in any politics in Dharwad district was a precondition for his joining BJP.

Even before Bommai contested the election here, the ground had been prepared by Rajashekhar Sindhur, who rebelled against the party, won the election as an independent and rejoined but joined back BJP later. Bommai capitalised on it further and won three elections in a row. This will be his fourth attempt from here and retaining the incumbent chief minister's seat has become a prestige issue for the saffron party.

The contest here would have been more intense and intriguing if Congress had fielded former minister and Lingayat-Panchamasali leader Vinay Kulkarni, whose community has a large number of voters here. Bommai is a Lingayat, but he comes from the minority Sadar sect. Though Congress tried to pin the constituency on Kulkarni, he backed out, refusing to make it a battle of prestige. Congress is yet to name a candidate from here, but two former MLAs -- Manjunath Kunnur and Sayed Azeempeer Khadri -- are in the race. In case the party decides to field a minority candidate, Khadri gets a chance. If not, then Kunnur, who recently deserted BJP to join Congress, will be fielded. The latter is a two-time MLA from Shiggaon (1994 and 1999) from Congress and one-time MP (2004) from the saffron party.



As far as the caste arithmetic is concerned, Lingayats and Muslims are in majority here, apart from a sizable number of Dalit, tribal and backward castes. Because of better social engineering, Bommai has been winning with a decent margin. But in the last two elections, his margin was just around 6 per cent. This is what has boosted the Congress' confidence.

But BJP, on the other hand, claims that Bommai will sail through because of development works taken up in the constituency and across the state after he became chief minister. But voters are undecided as Congress is yet to announce its candidate.

Political observers too say that it could be an easy victory for Bommai if Khadri is fielded, and an intense fight if Kunnur becomes the Congress candidate.

A senior BJP leader too admitted that it would have been an interesting fight if Kulkarni had been fielded and predicting a winner would have been difficult. But, he said, Bommai is confident of victory because of his close association with the constituency and his acceptance among all sections of society. BJP is prepared to foil any Congress bid to make the battle a close one, he said.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai welcomes new entrants into the BJP fold in Haveri on Friday | EXPRESS

Ready for a fight in Shiggaon: CM

HUBBALLI: Challenging the Congress, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai is vying for the Grand Old Party to field a suitable candidate, as he is not in favour of getting elected unopposed. Addressing a BJP meeting here on Friday, Bommai said, "Let anybody come into the field, I am ready to fight. However, the other candidate should come with a new strategy, since the battle this time will be a new one." Once again, ruling out the prospect of contesting from other constituencies in place of Shiggaon, he said, though he has received requests from several quarters, he would fight from Shiggaon only. In the next five years, he would take up the development work matching the level of the last 15 years. He said the people of Shiggaon have always identified good things and always stood behind him, despite a spate of disinformation campaigns. People in Bengaluru and Delhi are planning to defeat him, but he has confidence in the voters of the constituency, the CM said.

Cong lacks candidates in 60 constituencies: CM

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CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday said the Congress does not have candidates in 60 constituencies, and is hence, inviting leaders from here and there.

Bommai told reporters that prior to the release of the second list of candidates, KPCC president D K Shivakumar contacted numerous BJP MLAs and offered them tickets. "The Congress is failing to present viable candidates and is unable to establish a clear stance on matters related to reservation or development, which may result in the party performing poorly in the upcoming Assembly polls, when compared to the 2018 Assembly elections," he predicted.

When asked about the intense competition within his own party for tickets, Bommai responded that it is typical to have many aspirants and that the party will meet over the weekend to determine the final list of candidates. He emphasised that the candidate list is being prepared democratically, with the opinions of workers being considered, discussed, and analysed in taluk and district-level committees. Three names have been proposed for each constituency, according to Bommai.

'Factionalism in Cong'

Regarding Shivakumar's threat to cancel all the recent orders pertaining to reservations, including internal quota, the CM challenged the Congress leaders to carry it out. He argued that there is no need to pay special attention to factional politics within the Congress as the members fight amongst themselves regularly.

Cong to blame for rebellion in party?

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CONGRESS has received a jolt in the home turf of former DCM G Parameshwara with veteran leader S Shafi Ahmed quitting. His son-in-law and former MLA Rafeek Ahmed, who was defeated in the 2018 polls, has been denied a ticket. Parameshwara preferred a political novice, Iqbal Ahmed, for Tumakuru. A decade ago when Parameshwara was all set to become KPCC chief, Shafi went against him writing to the then AICC president Sonia Gandhi not to elevate him, which cost Rafeek dear, sources said.

In Kalghatgi, former minister Santhosh L Lad has been preferred over Nagaraj Chebbi, who may rebel.

In Belur, Congress selected B Shivaram over Rajashekar. Likewise in Savadatti, Vishwas Vasanth Vaidya is facing rebellion from Soudabha Chopra. In Gokak, Ashok Kadadi is facing rebellion from Ashok Pujary. In Kittur, DB Inamdar, who sought ticket for his son or daughter-in-law, may work against Babasaheb Patil, Laxmi Hebbalkar's lieutenant.

In Yadgir, Chinnareddy Patil is Congress' official candidate. But former minister AB Malaka Reddy's daughter Anuraga may contest against him.

The Congress can alone be blamed for the rebellion in the party. It had asked all aspirants to apply for tickets by depositing Rs 2 lakh and Rs 5,000 as application fee.

Dependence on survey report fuels dissent in Cong

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AFTER Congress announced its second list on Thursday, voices of dissent have grown louder as many turncoats and new faces have been picked. Even as the rank and file of the party is upset, those helming the Central Election Committee and screening committee have said the party has gone by the survey report done by a private agency.

Justifying their action, Congress leaders disclosed that the survey has given 140 seats out of 224. Though it is common for party leaders to use internal surveys as the only criterion to select candidates, it could prove costly for the party, going by the sentiments of the cadre. Some workers alleged that the survey is a means to check Siddaramaiah from walking away with a lion's share of seats.

Questioning the credibility of the report, aspirants said the party, instead, should have gone by the pulse of the people on ground zero. Equal weightage should have been given for the opinions provided by local party workers, they added.

The strongest resistance has come from Kolar, where survey suggested that Sidaramaiah could lose. But local leaders said Siddaramaiah could win by over 30,000 votes.

A Congress MLA and two other candidates, requesting anonymity, said the party should go by the ground report and not by the survey report, as the mood of the people and trends keep changing in the run-up to the polls.

If the internal survey report is the benchmark, how did novices figure in the second list in Chitradurga, Mandya, Gokak, Kadur and KR Pet, they asked. Now, many rebels may contest as independents, while others could knock on JDS doors, they said. When KPCC president DK Shivakumar and a screening committee member pointed out that the survey has not favoured the turncoat, who joined the party last week, why was he given the ticket in KR Pet, they asked.

Party workers said they are also unhappy with the Mandya candidate, who had switched off his cell phone two days before the D-day giving an edge to the JDS candidate.

The party insiders said some of the candidates chosen for a few constituencies in Bengaluru have no chance of winning the polls. Instead of ignoring serious aspirants, the Central Election Committee should have gone with stronger contenders to fight in BJP strongholds in the capital, they pointed out.

DYNASTIC DUELS?

Senior BJP leaders leave fray, push kids' careers

ENS @Bengaluru

IN a twist to dynastic politics, some senior BJP leaders in Karnataka seem to be taking retirement from electoral politics, in an attempt to build their children's careers in mainstream politics. A few of them have sought tickets for their sons for the Assembly elections.

It started with former chief minister BS Yediyurappa announcing that he will not contest the elections and his son BY Vijayendra will contest from Shikaripura assembly constituency in Shivamogga, which he was representing all these years. In the past week, Haladi Srinivas Shetty from Kundapura, Ravindranath from Davanagere and now minister MTB Nagaraj have sought retirement from electoral politics. On Friday, Minister for Small Scale Industries MTB Nagaraj, who came to meet Yediyurappa at his residence, told reporters he will not be contesting polls. "I appeal to party leaders to give a ticket to my son Nitesh Purushottam for Hoskote," he said. Nitesh is a former BBMP councillor. Nagaraj, who joined BJP after resigning from Hoskote assembly constituency, lost the bypolls to Sharath Bacchegowda in 2019.

Though the party has not made any rule of giving one ticket per family, a few veterans are voluntarily taking retirement for various reasons. "For our party, winnable candidates also matter. After Yediyurappa set an example of stepping down from electoral politics, we can only appeal to seniors to allow juniors to contest. It is natural that some leaders want their children to take their place, but it is up to the party high command," said a senior BJP leader on condition of anonymity.

According to the sources, this time, many senior MLAs who have held office for four or five terms, may not get tickets.

VETERAN'S ADVICE FOR VOTERS: DON'T WASTE YOUR BALLOT

MOHAMMED YACOOB @BENGALURU:

KARNATAKA'S **RG Subramanyam** has a fervent appeal to all voters: Don't waste your vote. He should know the value of the ballot: At age 96, he has voted in 17 Lok Sabha elections and multiple other polls since 1952.

Subramanyam, who retired as chief engineer of the irrigation department of the Gujarat government, comes as an inspiration to many voters as he has never missed voting since the election process began in independent India.

His has a special appeal to the 7 lakh new voters in Karnataka -- to choose their elected representative with care. With April 10 being the last date for new voters to register for voting power, Subramanyam appealed to youths who are set to turn 18 by April 10, to register as soon as possible.

Subramanyam, who graduated from BMS College in Bengaluru, landed a job as junior engineer with the irrigation department in Bombay-Gujarat state in 1951, and voted in the first Lok Sabha election in 1952. After his retirement in 1986, Subramanyam moved to Bengaluru in 1988 with his family. "I have voted in 17 Lok Sabha elections and assembly elections in Gujarat state till 1986, and after retirement, I moved to Karnataka and voted in municipal as well as state elections here," Subramanyam told TNIE. Having traced the political path the country has taken over the decades, he is now set to vote in the May 10 election.

Commenting on urban apathy in Bengaluru city, where the voting percentage touched just 55 per cent in the 2013 and 2018 assembly elections, Subramanyam said, "Election day is a holiday, but people in Bengaluru are averse to come out and vote. This should change. For each booth, there are hardly 1,000 voters and it takes a few minutes to reach the nearest polling station and cast a vote. Now, the Election Commission has given the option to check real-time queue at the polling station and also parking space nearby. People should make use of this and vote."

Subramanyam has motivated his wife RS Lalitha, and daughters Dr Jayashree and Dr Jyothi Mannari to exercise their voting power religiously, and the family is now looking forward to the May 10 democratic ritual.

BJP list likely today: Bommai

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CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday said the BJP Parliamentary Board, which will meet on Saturday, may finalise the party's candidates' list for the May 10 Assembly elections in the state.

Bommai said the party has conducted a survey to assess the winnability of candidates at the constituency and district levels and the core committee has discussed it at the state-level. Two to three candidates have been shortlisted for each constituency and the board will take a final decision. Asked if the party will field minister V Somanna against Congress leader Siddaramaiah in Varuna, the CM said no decision has been taken in this regard yet. The board will discuss candidates for all constituencies.

CANDIDATE LIST

Amid lobbying, BJP top brass meets today

BENGALURU: Ahead of BJP's National Executive committee meeting in New Delhi on Saturday to finalise the candidate list, ticket aspirants from Karnataka are in the national capital lobbying for tickets. BJP is expected to release its list after April 10. Congress and JDS have announced their candidates for most of the 224 seats, while the BJP is yet to release its maiden list. Over the last one week, a series of core committee meetings were held at the district-level and the state. During such a meeting recently in Bengaluru members shortlisted two to three names per constituency, and sent it to New Delhi. A senior leader said at least 20 aspirants from North Karnataka and other regions are in New Delhi lobbying for their tickets.

The DMK-led Secular Progressive Alliance has given a call for a massive demonstration in front of the Raj Bhavan in Chennai on April 12 to condemn governor RN Ravi for airing controversial remarks on various issues in public domain

JUMBO INITIATIVE

Elephant census for all southern states in May

Estimates show K'taka, TN & Kerala home to over 12K pachyderms

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

WITH the entire country celebrating Gaja Utsav which was flagged off by President Droupadi Murmu in Assam on the completion of 30 years of Project Elephant, Karnataka, home to over 6,000 elephants, has taken the lead in announcing an elephant census from the third week of May for all southern states.

State forest department officials told TNIE that the decision was taken after a detailed discussion with the forest heads of other southern states on Thursday.

This comes at a time when Karnataka is set to be declared the tiger state, when the tiger census is released on April 9.

The elephant census will be done every five years.

However, it was not done in 2022. The southern states and Maharashtra decided to undertake a census. Primary estimates show that Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala house over 12,000 elephants.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, wildlife, Rajiv Ranjan said that the census, which will be conducted with the help of IISc, is set to be completed before monsoon.

Officials and experts said that although Karnataka's elephant population is high, central government is offering little help in resolving man-elephant conflict and conservation.

"In fact, the situation is so bad that the Centre is working to merge Project Elephant and Tiger. This is also being done taking a cue from Karnataka, where the tiger and elephant reserves overlap. Karnataka's management is better compared to other states," an MoEFCC official said.

Karnataka was among one of the first states where where elephant reserves were launched- Mysuru Elephant Reserve in 1992, covering Bannerghatta National Park, Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary, MM Hills, Bandipur and Nagarhole Tiger Reserves, Pushpagiri wildlife sanctuary, Talacauvery, and the latest was Bhadra Tiger Reserve.

Dandeli elephant reserve was announced eight years later.

"Compared to the large area, funds from the central government is poor. The Centre allocates around Rs 7-8 crore under Project Elephant, but releases around Rs 5-6 crore. The state government has announced Rs 200 crore for elephant management. Of 11,000 hectares forest land in Karnataka, 60 per cent is occupied by elephants. Now non-forest areas will be assessed in the upcoming census," the official said.

Elephant expert, R Sukumar said investment needs to be increased as captive to wild elephant ratio is 1:10 in India.

Prez releases manual for man-elephant conflict

At Gaja Utsav in Kaziranga, President Droupadi Murmu released the field manual for managing human-elephant conflict, management of elephant reserves in India and for necropsy and carcass disposal of Asian elephants. Officials from Wildlife Institute of India (WII) told TNIE that the highlight was the manual for postmortem as it will help know the exact cause of death and how the carcass should be disposed. It is promoted that the carcass be kept for vultures to feed while the tusks be burnt immediately to ensure there is no poaching. However a close watch be kept on the carcass.

Bandi 'azad', dares KCR to order probe

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BJP State president Bandi Sanjay on Friday dared Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao to order an inquiry into the SSC Hindi question paper leak case by a sitting judge, if he truly wanted to bring the real culprits to justice.

Speaking after he was released from Karimnagar jail on bail, Sanjay declared that rallies and protests will be staged in all headquarters of erstwhile districts against TSPSC question paper leak, as well as massive rally with unemployed youth in Warangal in the coming days.

He reiterated the BJP's demand for an inquiry into the TSPSC case by a sitting High Court judge, dismissal of IT Minister KT Rama Rao from the Cabinet, and compensating those candidates affected by the TSPSC question paper leak with ₹1 lakh each.

On the case filed against him, he said that it was just yet another attempt by KCR to divert the attention of the people from the question papers leak, his daughter K Kavitha's involvement in Delhi liquor policy case, and the recent revelation that the chief minister offered to fund the Opposition parties if he was chosen to lead them in the next general elections.

"The people of Telangana can't be misled by your diversionary tactics anymore. Your daughter will have to face justice in the Delhi liquor scam, and your son will also be held accountable soon," Sanjay declared.

The BJP MP also challenged the Warangal Police Commissioner to take an oath that whatever he said with regard to the SSC question paper leak case was the truth. He said that sincere and honest officers in the police department were bowing their heads in shame because of the corrupt and unethical behaviour of some higher officials in the department, who "are only working to please the ruling party, to make money and get plum postings".

"If a question paper comes out before the exam, it can be said to be leaked. If it comes out after the exam begins, it becomes a malpractice. In such a case, is it not the responsibility of the police to ensure the question paper doesn't come out of exam hall?" he said.

Telangana BJP chief and MP Bandi Sanjay walks out of Karimnagar jail on Friday

CMO babus, kin benefited from TSPSC scam: BSP

Nalgonda: Finding fault with the State government for releasing information related to the TSPSC paper leak case, BSP State president RS Praveen Kumar has once again alleged that there was involvement of officials of Chief Minister's Office (CMO) in the scam. Speaking to the media, the former IPS officer said: "From time to time, TSPSC chairman and SIT have been providing the details of paper leak case to Minister KT Rama Rao, which strengthens the suspicion that Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao's family is behind the scam and that's why they are not revealing any information to us." "PAs working at the CMO and their relatives have benefited from this paper leak and that is why TSPSC data is not being released," he added. The BSP leader also wanted to know why the real culprit behind the TSPSC scam has not been identified yet while arrests were made within 48 hours after the Class X question papers were shared on WhatsApp.

HOLY STEPS

Nagari Kanikkal procession on the occasion of Good Friday at the Vimalagiri Roman Catholic Cathedral at Keezhukunnu near Kottayam in Kerala | VISHNU PRASAD

'BJP's reach 3 times more than Cong's'

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"WHILE other parties push their ideologies on social media, we stick to our priorities, such as matters related to this land, water and identity of Kannada and Kannadigas," Thippeswamy said.

Vikas Puttur, who heads the BJP's state digital media cell, said the party has formed 10 divisions across the state and has conducted digital media conclaves in each district.

"Our campaign's focus is only on the achievements of our government and our vision of development. We restrain from attacking other parties or leaders. We have three times more reach than that of Congress and 10 times more than that of JDS. Also, if we take top 10 politicians of the state with the highest number of followers on social media, six are from BJP," he said.

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> Vikas Puttur, heads, BJP state digital media cell

3rd LCA production line opened

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DEFENCE Secretary Giridhar Aramane inaugurated the third LCA production line and also handed over the 100th Sukhoi-30 MKI ROH aircraft to Air Vice-Marshal Sarin, Assistant Chief of Air Staff (Eng A) in a programme at HAL's Nashik Division on Friday.

The Signal Out Certificate (SOC) of the 100th ROH aircraft was handed over by Saket Chaturvedi, CEO (MiG Complex) to Air Vice-Marshal Sarin, in the presence of HAL CMD CB Ananthakrishnan and other senior officials.

Lauding HAL's efforts in taking up the challenge of setting up an ROH facility for Su-30 MKI, Aramane appreciated the defence PSU for establishing a new production line for LCA manufacturing. Remarking that the HAL has been fulfilling the needs of the country's security, he said, "The government has come out with several Aatmanirbhar Bharat policies, and that puts HAL in a very important position. HAL will be producing more in the coming years."

Urging the HAL to take up new initiatives to aggressively compete in the defence market and look into new areas like unmanned vehicles, the secretary emphasised initiatives, innovation, and excellence and focus on performance. Ananthakrishnan said, "The new production line will enable the company to enhance LCA MK1A production capacity from 16 to 24 aircraft per year. HAL's Nashik Division has achieved peak overhaul capacity."

FLYER BOOKED FOR ENDANGERING SAFETY

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"He behaved in an unruly and aggressive manner too," said a top source. After the flight reached Bengaluru at 10.43 am, he was handed over to the Central Industrial Security Force personnel.

"He was taken to a private hospital on the airport premises for a breath analyser test. He tested positive," another source said. Prateek, who has been detained at the airport police station, hails from Kanpur and works as a marketing executive with a leading e-commerce firm.

Incidentally, Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya had hit the headlines after he "accidentally" opened the door of an Indigo flight (6E 7339) at the Chennai airport before takeoff on December 10, 2022. It delayed the departure of the flight by a few hours.

Meanwhile, a statement from Indigo said, "A passenger travelling on flight 6e 308 from Delhi to Bengaluru tried to open the flap of the emergency door in an inebriated state. Noticing this, the crew on board alerted the captain and the passenger was warned. The unruly passenger was handed over to CISF on arrival in Bengaluru."

Aviation safety consultant Captain Mohan Ranganathan said opening the flap of the emergency door would not pose any danger. "When the flight is in air, it is in a pressurised state and all exit doors are pressure-locked. There is no question of any of the doors opening mid-air," he said. Unless the flight lands, the emergency doors cannot be opened, he added.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (North East) Anoop Shetty told TNIE, "The flyer has been booked under Section 336 (Act endangering life or personal safety of others), Section 290 (Public Nuisance) and Section 11A (wilful non-compliance with directions) of the Aircraft Act 1934."

KPCC ex-leader's wife passes away

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WITH family members still in shock after the untimely death of KPCC working president R Dhruvanarayan, another tragedy struck within a month. His wife, Veena passed away on Friday. She was 51.

Veena was fighting a brain tumour for more than a decade. Hundreds of relatives, friends, and fellow politicians rushed to the hospital to pay their last respects. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, former chief minister Siddaramaiah, and KPCC president DK Shivakumar, among others spoke to the family and expressed their condolences.

She is survived by her sons Darshan, a Congress candidate from Nanjangud, and Deeran. Her mortal remains have been taken to Hegavadi village and the cremation will take place on Saturday at 11 am.

Darshan shelved his campaigning programmes after he learnt that his mother was not responding to treatment.

Mysuru MP Pratap Simha, MLC AH Vishwanath, and Yathindra Siddaramaiah, among others visited Dhruvanarayan's residence.

Meanwhile, JDS may not field a candidate in the Nanjangud Assembly constituency after the deaths of Dhruvanarayan and his wife.

Former Minister SaRa Mahesh said that they have held talks with former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy regarding the matter.

OPS faction to seek 'justice' in K'taka assembly polls

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AMIDST continuing its legal battle to establish its hold over AIADMK, the faction led by O Panneerselvam has decided to seek 'justice from the people' by contesting the ensuing elections to Karnataka Assembly and the Lok Sabha elections next year.

Panruti S Ramachandran, advisor to the OPS faction, told reporter, "Hereafter, we don't bother about the other faction (EPS-led AIADMK) and won't criticise or talk about them. Whenever the AIADMK faced trials and tribulations, the people of the state have given the right solution through elections. So, we have decided to meet the people by organising a massive conference in Trichy on April 24 and thereafter, OPS and other office bearers will meet the party cadre across the state."

Ramachandran said the AIADMK was caught in a maya (illusion) projected by Palaniswami, and hence, many were unable to see the reality. "This maya will soon disappear if we approach the people's court and face the 2024 Lok Sabha elections," he added.

Ramachandran described the Trichy conference as 'Mupperum Vizha' to commemorate the 51st year of the AIADMK, the birth anniversary of the late leaders of the party - MG Ramachandran and J Jayalalithaa. Panneerselvam said the conference would prove on whose side the cadre have faith.

Responding to a question, OPS said, "We will field candidates wherever our prospects are high." On V Pugazhendi's meeting with former chief minister of Karnataka, BS Yeddyurappa, and handing over OPS' letter to him, Panneerselvam said the details would be disclosed at an appropriate time. Meanwhile, after meeting Yeddyurappa, Pugazhendi said he had held discussions with Yediyurappa on contesting from the Tamil-dominated areas in Karnataka.

OPS termed the July 16 emergent executive committee meeting convened by EPS as illegal, since, as per the records of the ECI, only the posts of coordinator and joint coordinator continue till now. Answering a question, OPS said so far, an appointment has not been given for him to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi who is visiting Chennai on Saturday.

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>
> Piyush Goyal, minister

Give double-engine govt full mandate, says Goyal

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Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal, speaking at a meeting organised by the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry on Friday, appealed to the gathering to give BJP a full mandate to help the double engine government sustain its development works.

He claimed that there has been massive progress under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has stressed on the importance of health, education, agriculture and other sectors "India has emerged as a country of opportunities," he said, adding that 80 crore people have been benefitted through the One Nation One Ration Card scheme. "Under PM's leadership we will transform Karnataka," he asserted.

Gopal Reddy, FKCCI president, said that almost a dozen association heads came up with their demand and suggestions for BJP manifesto. It will also be shared with the Congress and JDS. S Sampathraman, chairman, All-India Manufacturing Association, said he has suggested better road connectivity like the Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway for other districts too. State Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar and MP PC Mohan and others were also present.

BJP bringing Amul in to weaken KMF, says Siddu

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FORMER Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday said there are attempts to weaken the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF), and Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Cooperation Minister Amit Shah are responsible for such attempts.

He said lakhs of families in the state depend on KMF, but the dairy sector has taken a hit after Shah spoke about merging KMF with Amul. When Kannadigas strongly opposed such a proposal, Amul is now making a backdoor entry, the former CM alleged. Since the last few days, there has been a shortage of KMF milk and curd in the market, and Amul products are doing brisk business, he said.

"Gujarat-based Amul had earlier also tried to enter the Karnataka market, but we did not allow it. Now, the BJP has rolled out a red carpet for it," he said. During BJP rule, milk collection in the state reduced from 99 lakh litres to 71 lakh litres a day, he said, and added that all Kannadigas must oppose any attempt to weaken KMF, and take a vow not to purchase Amul products.

EXPRESS READ

Shahrukh Saifi faces murder charges

Kozhikode: Shahrukh Saifi, the accused in the Elathur train arson attack case, was remanded in 14-day police custody by a Kozhikode court on Friday. Amid doubts over the deaths of three people, the police added IPC section 302 (murder) to the charges slapped on the accused.

EDITORIAL

"Without strong watchdog institutions, impunity becomes the very foundation upon which systems of corruption are built" — Rigoberta Menchú Tum

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— Ramnath Goenka

FINDING MEETING GROUND IMPERATIVE AFTER WASTED BUDGET SESSION

THE Budget session of Parliament ended on Thursday--among the shortest and least productive sessions since the first Indian election after Independence. The annual Budget, the most important business in Parliament that concerns every segment of the economy and every Indian citizen, was passed without discussion. Normally, the government's Budget proposals are debated, discussed and altered if a consensus is reached. But there was nothing normal about this Budget session. The hostility witnessed between the ruling and the opposition parties was unprecedented. There were always differences between the two sides, even bitterness on occasion. There were boycotts and disruptions. But accommodations were always made. Not this time, though. The opposition was unrelenting in its demand for a discussion on the issues of Adani-Hindenburg and the alleged misuse of central agencies to target opposition leaders. The opposition also insisted on setting up a joint parliamentary committee on the Adani issue. The government firmly refused to give in to the opposition's demands. It was in no mood for a JPC, either. It went on the offensive, demanding an apology from Rahul Gandhi for allegedly seeking foreign help to check the erosion of democracy in India. Rahul denied making any such statement and sought an opportunity to clarify his position in the House. But that did not stop a BJP Member of Parliament from writing to the Speaker seeking Rahul's expulsion from the Lok Sabha. Both sides dug in their feet after Rahul's disqualification from the Lok Sabha following a court order. House business suffered as the opposition went into overdrive. The session witnessed unusual scenes of the treasury side also stalling the proceedings over the demand for Rahul's apology. The two sides need to soften their stands in the people's interest. They are equally responsible for the smooth functioning of Parliament. The government should take the initiative and call the opposition for a dialogue. The opposition, too, may like to find ways in which Parliament can function smoothly and debate important issues of public interest. The loopholes in the Indian financial system pointed out by the Hindenburg report are critical. Still, there are other equally important issues that Parliament needs to discuss. Both must return to the table in the interest of the nation.

JUMBO ISSUE: LEARNING TO LIVE WITH ANIMALS

THE efforts to capture a wild elephant and the debate around that have captivated Kerala. Arikomban, the rice-eating tusker (that's why the name) aged around 40, is an inhabitant of the Anayirangal-Chinnakanal area of Munnar forests in Idukki district that has made raiding human settlements a habit. The locals hold the animal responsible for ten human deaths -- a figure which forest officials dispute. While the forest department made elaborate arrangements to capture the elusive elephant, animal rights activists raised a furore. The Kerala high court halted the operation and set up an expert committee to on the best interests of the elephant and the locals. Now, as per the panel's recommendations, the court has ordered the jumbo's translocation to another forest, while the original plan was to capture and train it in captivity.

The court order is a green signal to resume efforts to capture Arikomban. Still, it cannot end the debate on how to deal with human-animal conflicts, in general, and elephants that raid human habitats, in particular. Rising human-wild animal conflict is a serious concern in Kerala. As many as 637 people died in attacks by wild animals between 2016 and 2022, and 30 were killed by elephants last year. Two elephants were captured in January this year after entering human habitats. According to local politicians, 48 people died in elephant attacks in the last three decades in the Chinnakanal area.

What cannot be ignored while people and their political leaders fuss over wild animals is how human settlements and activities in forest areas are at the heart of the problem. For example, Chinnakanal is an elephant habitat and a part of the elephant corridor extending from Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary to Periyar Tiger Reserve. It was in 2002 that the then A K Antony government settled 301 tribal families in the area against expert advice. Many families soon abandoned their lands due to animal attacks. Besides, there are many non-tribal settlements. While the tribal inhabitants of Kerala's forests know how to live in harmony with wildlife, the non-tribal settlers of relatively recent times see animals as a menace to be hunted or captured. Capturing and relocating Arikomban can be a temporary solution, for other elephants are equally capable of wreaking havoc. The authorities should, ideally, look at relocating non-tribal settlers from core elephant habitats and restricting human activities in such areas as a long-term measure.

QUICK TAKE

MAKE INDIA EAT RIGHT

EAT Right India, the brainchild of food regulator FSSAI, is about eating healthy, safe and sustainable food in restaurants or canteens when not at home. The concept has caught on across India. Kashmir got its first 'Eat Right Campus' recently. But weak monitoring is affecting the campaign. The government informed Parliament recently that a fourth of food samples FSAI tested in the last three years were sub-standard. Complaints of food poisoning from campus or school hostels are on the rise. The regulator must increase the budgetary outlay, enforce stricter inspections and extend the compliance norms to include the food supply chain.

The US has morphed into the Polarised States of America, with both sides resorting to inflammatory rhetoric

TRUMP INDICTMENT SIGN OF AMERICA'S BROKEN DEMOCRACY

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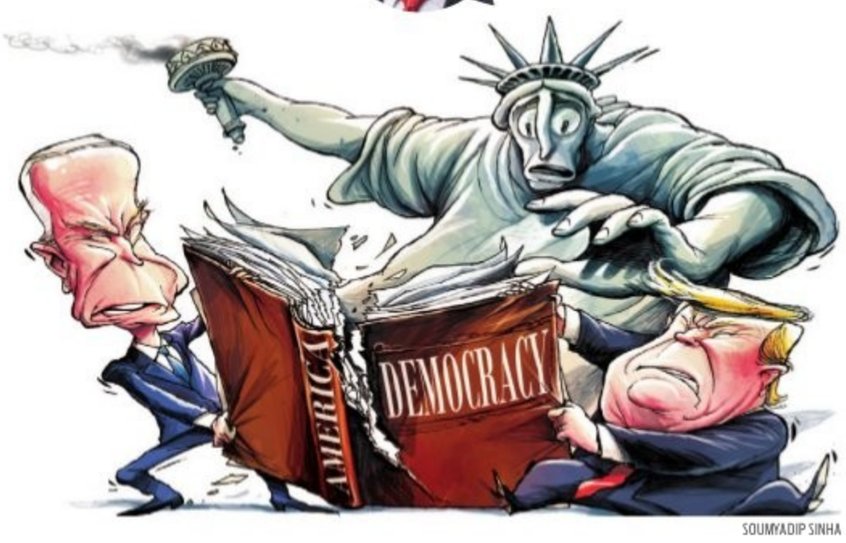

SOUMYADIP SINHA

IN his national security strategy released in October, US President Joe Biden promised to focus on restoring a damaged democracy at home. But the first-ever indictment of a former president in American history is likely to deepen the divide in an already bitterly polarised United States. Far from promoting national reconciliation and healing as president, Biden has proved as divisive as his predecessor, Donald Trump.

After the indictment's unsealing, the criminal case against Trump looks even weaker than expected. Some of former Trump's fiercest critics, like Mitt Romney, have slammed the Manhattan district attorney's case against the former president (running again for the same office) as flimsy and designed "to fit a political agenda." Legal experts say it sets a dangerous precedent to go after political opponents. The DA belongs to the same party as Biden, against whom Trump is running.

According to a Quinnipiac University poll, more than two-thirds of Americans think US democracy is broken. America's image as a flawed democracy is likely to be reinforced by the weaponisation of the justice system, which is what Trump's indictment represents. The essence of democracy is that those in office will not misuse their power to go after political opponents. Yet high-profile political prosecutions through the misuse of the judicial apparatus are increasing in democracies.

For example, Brazil's current president, Luiz Inácio "Lula" da Silva, was in 2017 convicted for alleged corruption and jailed until the country's Supreme Court ruled that the judge who presided over the trial was biased against da Silva. Indeed, that judge became justice minister under President Jair Bolsonaro, who possibly would not have been elected in 2018 had da Silva not been in prison. Stretching the law to target Biden's leading opponent will make it more difficult for the US to heal the deep split in society and transcend hardened polarisation. Trump's indictment followed the FBI's unusual raid last August on his Mar-a-Lago residence in search of classified documents. Ironically, classified documents from Biden's time as vice president were discovered at his Delaware home and elsewhere.

As president, Trump's remarks often bore the hallmarks of bombastic assertions. But he also, at times, displayed refreshing candour and honesty on US national security and foreign policy, which made him a key target of the "Deep State", thus spurring false Russia collusion claims and two failed impeachments.

To be sure, democratic ethics and values have come under growing pressure across the free world. The fever of polarising politics has risen largely because the quality of political leadership has declined in almost all democratic countries. Instead of seeking national reconciliation, leaders have fanned the embers of divisive politics. Media outlets have helped amplify such hyper-partisanship. They not only reflect but also drive the polarisation in many democracies. Instead of adhering to a guiding ethic to report the news objectively and in a balanced way, many newspapers and TV channels market, not report, news. According to one Gallup poll, Americans' trust in the media has sunk to just 36%.

Many democracies are intensely polarised — from South Africa and India to South Korea and Brazil. Public trust in politicians across the democratic world has reached an all-time low. But the US is so polarised that it has been referred to as "One America, Two Nations." It has morphed into the Polarised States of America, with both sides of the political divide resorting to inflammatory rhetoric and fuelling the deep divide. Thanks to the widening schism between the two sides — which are segregated in their own ideological silos — tolerance for opposing views is increasingly in short supply. Such is America's political divide in that people holding rival beliefs are unwilling to even communicate with each other.

The partisan divide extends even to foreign policy. While US public opinion surveys show that China has left Russia far behind to become America's greatest enemy, far more Democrats than Republicans remain fixated on Russia. This has a bearing on actual policy, with Biden more focused on a declining Russia than on a globally expansionist China. Meanwhile, the US continues to move further away from the healing and unity Biden called for in his inauguration speech. Far from helping to end what he described as the "uncivil war" between liberals and conservatives, Biden has added fuel to the divisive politics. As Biden says in his national security strategy, "We live at a moment of passionate political intensities and ferment that sometimes tears at the fabric of the nation".

US hyper-partisan politics is plumbing new depths, cementing political divisions and poisoning national discourse. It is also undermining America's international standing. This has emboldened the world's largest and longest-surviving autocracy, China, to cheekily lecture the US on human rights and democracy. For example, Yang Jiechi, the leader of the Chinese delegation at the March 2021 talks in Anchorage, Alaska, delivered a 16-minute jeremiad against US hypocrisy and double standards.

Instead of fixing its broken democracy, the US seeks regime change in the countries it targets — from Russia to Myanmar and Iran. It also lectures other countries, including India, on human rights, even as the human rights situation remains appalling within the US, where police kill more than 1,000 civilians each year. For example, the State Department annually releases country reports on human rights practices that target America's friends and foes alike. Meanwhile, the killing and maiming of unarmed Black people by police in the US continues to increase.

The blunt truth is that hyper-partisan politics and debilitating polarization are not just weighing American democracy down but also threatening to erode America's global pre-eminence. After all, the bitterly divisive politics impedes the pursuit of long-term objectives. Given the relative decline of its power, the US needs a dynamic, forward-looking president who can unify an increasingly divided country. Last year, a poll found that almost two-thirds of Americans believe the US is on the wrong track under Biden. Against this background, the last thing America needed is a criminal case against a former president that represents a further erosion of legal and democratic norms. More than China or Russia, America's biggest enemy is within: It needs to find ways to move past its politics of polarisation and vituperation to heal the wide divide in society.

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UNITY COMPULSIONS IN THE OPPOSITION CAMP

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THE disqualification of Rahul Gandhi has given cause and momentum to the opposition alliance. But will it hold?

No, not unless the Congress and the regional parties arrive at a relationship of equal partnership. An unequal relationship is what has been holding back opposition unity. The regional parties outside the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) argued that a shrunken Congress had forfeited its claim to the opposition leadership. The Samajwadi Party leader, Akhilesh Yadav, said the regional parties were 'giants' and the Congress must support them. They wanted the Congress to play an auxiliary role, not the principal role. They would be Ram, the Congress Lakshman!

You could not deny the regional parties a little bit of attitude. They were expanding, the Congress was contracting. In West Bengal, the Congress today has no MLA (0%) in a house of 294 and in UP, merely 2 (0.5%) in a house of 403. In 2019, the Congress lost 9 out of 10 seats in the Hindi-speaking states to the BJP. It lost most of the recent state elections in a direct contest to the BJP.

In contrast, the regional parties vanquished the BJP not only in the Assembly elections but also in the Lok Sabha elections. In West Bengal, the Trinamool Congress (TMC) won 34 of the 40 Lok Sabha seats in 2014 and 211 of the 294 Assembly seats in 2016. That showed that most voters in West Bengal were unipolar: they voted for the same party in Assembly and parliamentary elections. That was not the case when the Congress was in a direct contest with the BJP. In those states, a majority of voters were bipolar voters. They voted for one party in the state elections and another in the parliamentary elections. In Rajasthan, they gave the Congress a near-majority in the Assembly in 2018, but in 2019 gave 24 of the 25 Lok Sabha seats to the BJP.

The trend, however, is that even unipolar voters in states dominated by the regional parties are turning bipolar. In the West Bengal Assembly elections of 2021, the TMC numbers rose from 211 to 215, but in the Lok Sabha elections of 2022, it dropped from 34 to 22. The BJP, which had won only 2 Lok Sabha seats in 2014, grabbed 18 seats in 2019 in the state. It is the transformation of unipolar voters into bipolar voters that is bugging the regional parties. That is why they are asking for Congress support to make up for the loss of unipolar votes to the BJP. That is why Akhilesh Yadav wants the Congress to play Lakshman to them.

However, the truth is the regional parties have limitations. They cannot provide a national alternative to the BJP. Their popularity is within the state. They have built their political estate on the foundations of regional identity and subaltern victimhood. Their leaders are not looked at as national figures. Then there is a history of quick mortality of third fronts.

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Here is where the Congress assumes importance for an opposition alliance. Despite its dwarfing, it remains a party with a national organisation, a national leadership and a national appeal. It alone has a national narrative into which the regional parties can weave their regional narratives to beat the BJP, which stands for decimating regionalism.

The regional parties and the Congress will have to put aside their sense of superiority. An alliance cannot work without both sides accepting each other as equal partners: no Lakshman, all Rams.

Once that happens, it will be easier for them to choose a leader. The latest Congress position is that to them, opposition unity is paramount. "We are not adamant on leading the front," Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge has said. A resolution at the Congress' 85th plenary at Raipur said, "It is the only party that can provide effective and decisive leadership to the country, but it is ready to make sacrifices to defeat the BJP-led NDA." That has opened doors for regional parties to pitch their leaders for the alliance leadership. It can be Mamata, Nitish, Stalin or Kejriwal if it is not Rahul.

The Congress ceding claim to leadership is one of the key reasons all the opposition parties have come together on a platform. The obvious triggers are the relentless hounding of opposition leaders by the central investigative agencies and the 'conspiracy' to disqualify Rahul Gandhi. Still, the alliance leadership being open has given momentum to building an opposition alliance.

However, an alliance harping on 'Opposition victimhood' will not do. The architecture of Narendra Modi's success rests on the five pillars of Hindu victimhood, jingoism, corruption-free governance, fast growth and poverty alleviation. The alliance has to win over people with an alternative architecture. Until now, only party workers have been participating in opposition protests. People are not coming forward to join them. Why? Because the opposition has not offered an attractively different architecture to pull them out of Modi's ocean of spells. For instance, the opposition parties have been confused about how to counter the Modi narrative of Hindu victimhood. Sometimes they swim with the current of Hinduphilia, sometimes against it.

The alliance must also offer an alternative political organisation to run the country. The UPA earned damning disrepute for scams and wretched alliance management. The Modi narrative draws much of its vitamins from this cesspool of disrepute. What safeguards would the opposition alliance ensure so governance does not fall into the same pit?

Lastly, the opposition alliance has to offer an alternative leader. The leader has to have a strong profile that inspires confidence that they could give the country better politics and economy.

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Telangana visit

PM Narendra Modi will be inaugurating several development projects in Hyderabad and Telangana on April 8. But the dynastic BRS government, instead of welcoming him, has myopically upped the ante by calling for a dharna against him.
U Atreya Sarma, Hyderabad

Defamation status

Apropos A case for India decriminalising defamation (April 7), the writer has mentioned that when he was the minister for Information & Broadcasting during UPA regime he could not bring in a legislation to decriminalise defamation but could not do so due to the opposition parties(BJP/ NDA parties) not agreeing. But this appears to be a lie as UPA particularly UPA 2 enjoyed comfortable majority in both the houses.
Hemanth D Pai, Bengaluru

Helping elders

Apropos of Strengthen Seniors Act to help them live healthily (Apr 6). Maltreatment and neglect of senior citizens is rampant in India. There is no doubt that the MWPSC should be given more teeth to ensure the welfare of senior citizens. All school curricula should include portions on caring for the elderly.
Dharmarajan A K, Thalassery

MediaOne ban

The SC has acted admirably in nullifying the Centre's ban on the Malayalam news channel MediaOne. The SC vocalised its disapproval of the sealed cover procedure, claiming it is not in line with a transparent and accountable system. It has ordered the I&B ministry to renew the channel's broadcasting permission, emphasising that a refusal to do so would infringe on freedom of the press. Bravo!
NJ Ravi Chander, Bengaluru

Fourth estate

It is indeed unfortunate that time and again the SC has to remind the Centre that independent media is vital for the country and homogenised views on socio-economic and cultural issues are affronts to democracy. Lifting the ban on MediaOne, the apex court categorically stated that critical views on government policies should not be considered as anti-establishment. It is hoped that good sense will prevail over the Centre/state governments.
K S Sundaram, Coimbatore

Deleting history

It is unjustified to cut the history syllabus in a shape that fits the philosophy of the incumbent government. This amounts to depriving the future generation of learning the truth. We can create history but we have to accept the past.
Haribandhu Panigrahi, Tarbha

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Amit Shah @AmitShah
The more the opposition has hurled the mud of indecent languages against Modi ji, the public has strengthened Modi ji even more by feeding him lotus

Ashok Gehlot @ashokgehlot51
No one had thought that Ghulam Nabi Azad and Jyotiraditya Scindia would stoop so low while speaking against Rahul Gandhi

Varun Gandhi @varungandhi80
India's elections are the most expensive in the world. Campaign financing needs to be urgently addressed to limit the influence of money in our democracy

'WE ARE CONNECTING KASHMIR TO KANNIYAKUMARI'

Union minister Nitin Gadkari, the highway man who is zipping India into a web of roads & highways, takes questions on a range of issues, from road connectivity to effective waste management, of course a bit of politics. Exceprts from the 5th edition of Delhi Dialogues, from The New Indian Express

Nitin Gadkari: Namaskar. I am from Nagpur. I have, in the past, read that politics is the instrument of social and economic reform. So I always tell people that politics consists 80% of social work and 20% politics. I am doing lots of social work, particularly in agriculture, water conservation and biofuel. I am not so intelligent (yet) have six degrees, the recent one conferred by Galgotia University. Then there are degrees from Chennai University, SRM and four from Maharashtra.

We are doing many projects in ecology and the environment. I have two philosophies — one is science/tech and another innovation/entrepreneurship. This is helping us convert waste to wealth.

No person is a waste; no material is a waste, either. It depends on the present ecology and vision of a leadership. I will give the example of 'waste to wealth': We have three municipal waste mountains in Delhi. One is in Ghazipur, and now we are using 20 lakh tonnes of municipal garbage for the ring road, which is a lifeline for Delhi. We have also used the garbage in the Ahmedabad road construction.

We are adding 15% ethanol. We are also making bio-bitumen from rice stock Parli, and now we are formulating a scheme for Rs 20 lakh. Instead of burning Parli and considering the Delhi pollution, we are converting it to bitumen. That's why it is a waste to wealth.

In Mathura, we floated a tender for the proposal of a hybrid annuity -40% from the government and 60%from investors. The Triveni Engineering Company received a 40% grant from the government.

The clean water from this project is given to Mathura Indian Oil, giving Rs 20 crore per year as royalty. It's a successful project of public-private investment in liquid waste management.

In Nagpur, we sell sewage water to the Maharashtra State Electricity Board and get a royalty.

Regarding infrastructure in South India, we are making a double-decker flyover in Chennai starting from Chennai port, which costs around Rs 10,000 crore. We have already started the expressway from Chennai to Bengaluru. In three hours, you can travel from Chennai to Bengaluru. We have completed the Mysore-to-Bengaluru part.

Also, take many examples from Kashmir to Kanyakumari. The Atal tunnel at Rohtang passes from Manali to Rohtang. After that, we come to Ladakh and Leh, and we have a big tunnel called Zojila in Kargil, estimated to cost Rs 12,000 crore. Then we come to the Jhumur tunnel, and then there is Sonmarg and Gulmarg.

At Srinagar, we are making 9 to 11 tunnels from Srinagar to Jammu. Then at Katra, we are in the process of making a big multi-model hub. Before Katra, the road will be linked to the Katra-Delhi expressway.

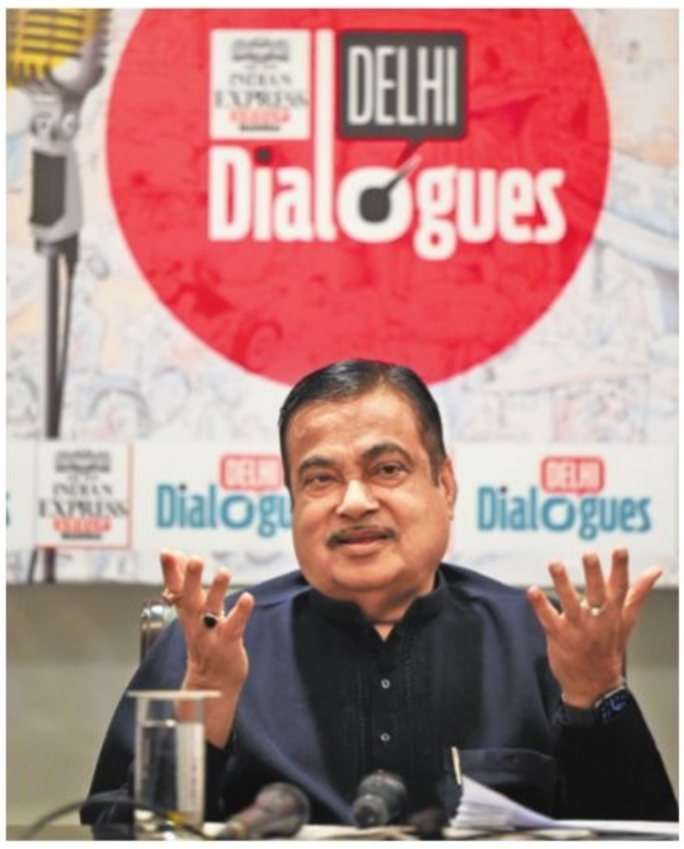
Now you can travel from Delhi to Amritsar in four hours, Delhi to Katra in six hours and Delhi to Srinagar in eight hours. Coming back to Delhi, there is the Delhi-Mumbai highway that leads to Surat, then to Nasik, to Ahmednagar, to Solapur onwards to Karur.

From Karur, we can go to Chennai, Bengaluru, Kochi and Hyderabad. Therefore, we have connectivity from North to South India and Mumbai to Kolhapur and Solapur. This reduces the distance from Delhi to Chennai by 312 km. In short, this is the connectivity between Kashmir to Kanniyakumari.

SANTWANA BHATTACHARYA: It is interesting, your political network and road network both seem to be exemplary. You're considered to be one of the most performing ministers. However, the daily functioning of Parliament is hindered. Can a workable solution be found?
Nitin Gadkari: The basic purpose of Parliament is discussion. The three pillars of democracy are the legislature, executive, and the judiciary. In the legislature, Parliament is important, where people expect us to discuss issues. Unfortunately, we are not succeeding. Being the ruling party, we try to discuss all issues. However, opposition parties have their agenda. The decision taken by the judiciary has nothing to do with the government (Rahul Gandhi bail issue).

DEEPAK MONDAL: Coming to the road transport, many point out that this has been achieved due to a change in the formula for calculating road construction. The government now uses the lane-km method instead of the linear length method.
Nitin Gadkari: There is no change in the formula; it is the same as it was during the UPA government. The formula is the same from Manmohan Singh ji to Narendra Modi ji.

PARVEZ SULTAN: Since 2014, the NHAI debt has increased by 14 times. What are the reasons for this major concern?



Nitin Gadkari: Not at all. We have such a good reputation that we saw over-subscription of (our) bonds by seven times in seven hours on the first day of its listing on the Bombay stock exchange. There is no fund crisis. We are getting money from tolls and money by monetising the roads. We have road assets.

SHAHID FARIDI: The government has set a target of raising Rs 2 lakh crore by 2024 from the asset monetization programme. An update on the asset monetisation of National Highways?
Nitin Gadkari: We have many projects which we have monetised, but we monetise the project when we need money. Otherwise, we will have to deposit money.

DEEPAK MONDAL: People are not happy with a steep rise in toll charges. There are reports of protests as well. What do you have to say?
Nitin Gadkari: If you want a good service, then you'll have to pay for it. This is a global practice. Our project has reduced the travel distance from Chennai to Delhi by 312 km. With Delhi Mumbai Expressway, the travel time has been slashed to 12 hours instead of 48 hours. You can now reach Amritsar in 4 hours. Look at how many litres of diesel and hours are saved due to the expressways and highways. If people want facilities, then they will have to pay toll tax.

RAJESH THAKUR: Despite a good road infrastructure, accident rates are still high in India. Any strategy?
Nitin Gadkari: Akshay Kumar works for us free of charge, and he is taking seminars (for road safety). But in this country, 5 lakh accidents take place along with 1.5 lakh deaths, 3 lakh people get their hands and legs broken, and 60% of them belong to the age group of 18-24. We are good at everything, but we are unable to control this. We accept that we are not able to reduce the number of accidents.

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT: What is the status of the national safety board?
Nitin Gadkari: It has been approved. I have just signed (the file). UP Singh, retired secretary of Water Resources, is the chairman.

PARVEZ SULTAN: You always say that Indian roads will become like in America. What can we expect in the coming days regarding Indian roads?
Nitin Gadkari: Many Delhi journalists who live across the Yamuna thank me individually because it has become easier for them to enter Delhi. Many things will gradually change. Come December 10, flights on the Delhi Dehradun route will be shut down; Delhi-Jaipur flights will shut down as well as it will take two hours to reach Jaipur. Similarly, two hours from Delhi to Haridwar, four hours for Dehradun and two-and-a-half hours for Chandigarh.

The Chandigarh-Manali stretch took nine hours.It will now take two hours and 15 minutes because we have made a tunnel -- a direct road from Chandigarh to Manali is ready. Our road infrastructure will soon be like that of America.

MAYANK SINGH: What is the status of emergency landing strips in the border states and how many will be functional by this year-end?
Nitin Gadkari: In all, there are 89 emergency airstrip proposals. We completed 13. In some places, the Air Force did not permit us, but we will soon complete the remaining emergency airstrips project.

RAKESH KUMAR: Are we seeing the same progress in ports as in the case of the national highways?
Nitin Gadkari: We spend Rs 60,000 crore on connectivity between the port and highways. You tell me, which port is left in the country which is not connected to the road? You go to any port, whether Chennai or Mumbai and each of them is connected to the road now.

The port and road connectivity reduces the cost of logistics. Our logistics cost is 16%. The same cost in China is 8-10 %, while it is 12% in the USA and European nations.

We have taken a few important decisions. One is good roads. Secondly, we are changing the type of fuel. Now we are using ANG, CNG, Biodiesel, Ethanol, and Methanol in vehicles. Then we also have electric mobility. There are cheaper alternatives to diesel. The idea is to reduce the cost of transport by changing the fuel. Our objective is to limit the cost of logistics to a single digit by 2024.

AMIT MUKHERJEE: The government is incentivizing/ subsiding electric vehicles. But charging infrastructure for intercity travel seems inadequate.
Nitin Gadkari: Many automobile companies provide charging outlets to their customers. Around 400 EV startups entering the market with their products are also doing their business on the same line.

Today, people only charge their cars, two-wheelers, and electric scooters at their houses. The problem is with buses. There are 1.5 lakh buses with transport authorities of states. All of them are at loss and cannot procure their electric alternatives. However, there is not much issue with the charging infrastructure. We have identified 670 roads where electric charging stations will be available. The work will be completed in 6-8 months. So, I hope there won't be an issue with taking a long journey.

ARSHAD KHAN: EV vehicles are costly... What is the target for our EV?
Nitin Gadkari: Lithium prices have driven up EV costs, and prices are on the rise. As production increases, the price will correspondingly go down.

How many of you have petrol cars? More than 50% of you will have an electric car when we meet next.

PRABHU CHAWLA: Will there be the same scrapping policy of 15 years for EVs as in the case for other vehicles ?
Nitin Gadkari: Nobody has asked me this intelligent question. To be honest, I don't have the answer to this question.

PRABHU CHAWLA: Which other countries have implemented this law?
Nitin Gadkari: Many countries; in the US and Europe. There is air pollution awareness in Western countries, and it's also percolating in India.

PRABHU CHAWLA: You are promoting EV. Electricity rates are high and likely to go up further.
Nitin Gadkari: You know the first solar project was launched when Modiji was the Gujarat CM. The first tariff was Rs 16.5 per unit. Now it is 2.40 per unit. We have 30% solar in the power basket. Is it expensive power? When it comes to power rates, there is more generation, more losses, no generation, no losses.

Our power discoms incur losses between 16-18 lakhs. There are three processes...generation, transmission and distribution. Thirty-six per cent of thefts were in the distribution section. Things have changed, though. There is no option but to use thermal power. People have reservations about nuclear power. There is a limited option for geothermal power. Wind power faces restrictions from environmentalists and forest personnel.

ARSHAD KHAN: Last summer, many EVs caught fire. Have you issued new guidelines?
Nitin Gadkari: Guidelines have been issued; we have issued a notification based on international standards. During that time(when the EV caught fire), vehicles were manufactured with some imported parts which were of low quality.

ARSHAD KHAN: When are we getting Tesla?
Nitin Gadkari: No Idea. Those who want to manufacture here are welcome. But, if someone wants to manufacture in China and sell it in India, I am afraid they will not get any concessions.

SANTWANA BHATTACHARYA: So that was my question. When are we all going to drive the hydrogen car?
Nitin Gadkari: You are welcome for a drive in (my) Hydrogen car. It is more comfortable than a Mercedes car.

SHAHID FARIDI: There are reports that you may quit politics. Will you be fighting the next elections?
Nitin Gadkari: Some journalists run some rubbish on the net and then delete it after four hours. In those four hours big media houses start running the story. I am not talking about you. You have credibility. Then four experts sit together and star discussing the issue saying Nitin Gadkari is saying this and that and by evening, there are reports. This is wrong. You should listen to my full speech. I am here. I am quite fit now. I do pranayam for 1.5 hours. I have great positivity now.

SANTWANA BHATTACHARYA: I was in Nagpur once, and you spoke entirely about Nagpur santara and how you plan to sell them abroad. I see the transformation in policy approach change as you talk about waste management and waste to wealth. So I can see an evolution in your policies and your entire approach.
Nitin Gadkari: Thanks to Kisan Rail, we have exported 13 trains full of oranges to Delhi, Chennai and Bangladesh.

Now that you have mentioned Ethanol, I raised this issue way back in 2004. I have been requesting that it's time to move to biofuel and alternative fuel areas. People questioned me on my repeated assertions about biofuel. Look at the scenario now: petrol costs Rs 120 and Ethanol Rs 60 per litre.

Kharge dials Stalin, Uddhav, Nitish for Opposition unity

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

SETTING the ball rolling for forging Opposition unity for 2024 elections, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge on Friday said he has initiated talks with presidents of various parties to strengthen unity among anti-BJP forces.

Speaking at a media event, the Congress chief said he has already spoken to Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin and Maharashtra's former Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray to take forward the unity displayed by many Opposition parties during the Budget session of Parliament and it would be extended outside too. According to Kharge, ideological differences between some parties will not hamper unity.

The just concluded Budget session of Parliament has witnessed the coming together of 19 Opposition parties, including TMC, BRS, SP and AAP after the disqualification of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi from Lok Sabha membership. Parties such as TMC, BRS, SP, and AAP have been at loggerheads with Congress over their electoral and ideological differences.

Besides the disqualification of Rahul Gandhi, the demand for a JPC on Adani- Hindenburg row also united the disparate parties.

Nineteen Opposition parties, including TMC, BRS, SP, and AAP, came together during the Budget session of the Parliament | FILE PHOTO

This paper has reported that at a dinner meeting called by Kharge last week, all the Opposition parties unanimously called upon the Congress party to take the lead in bringing parties together and chalk out the future course of action.

Congress deputy leader in Lok Sabha Gaurav Gogoi had confirmed to this paper that top Congress leadership will initiate dialogues with presidents of all Opposition parties to take the unity forward.

Speaking to this paper, CPI MP Binoy Viswam said that the dialogue with all parties will continue. "It's an ongoing process. We haven't fixed any date for a meeting. 19 parties have come together for a common cause. From our party's point of view, whenever opposition parties meet, we should have a broad understanding of common agenda,".

On Thursday, 19 parties also held a tiranga march in the capital and vowed that they will continue the unity outside Parliament.

WHAT LIES AHEAD FOR SCHOOL EDUCATION

According to the draft National Curriculum Framework, which is based on the National Education Policy 2020, students will get various options. It emphasises rootedness and pride in India.

The National Curriculum Framework has proposed board exams twice a year for class X and

XII pupils

Targeted Time Frame: Revised NCERT books will be introduced in schools from the

2024-25

academic session.

Removal of three main streams – humanities, science and commerce

No written exams till Class III and no assessment till Class II

WHAT'S NEW Children will also learn from Panchatantra, Jataka, Hitopadesha, and other fables and inspiring tales.

Why
Students would be given the option to quit school after class X and pursue vocational education in grades XI and XII if they wish to. It gives students the flexibility to design their own course combination in Class XI-XII with freedom to choose across streams

WHAT ELSE?
Students to learn at least 3 languages in their school years. Reducing maths phobia by integrating it with arts, sports and languages

SIDEBAR
To disprove the belief that girls are incapable of doing maths

HOW The curriculum will be prepared with 20 per cent local content, 30 per cent regional and 30 per cent national and 20 per cent global content

DRAFT WRITERS
Former ISRO chief K Kasturirangan led panel

HIGHLIGHT
Emphasis on the Indian value system and value of seva.

IMPORTANT
It is a pre-draft for 6 -18 years old students.

BASED ON
National Education Policy 2020

India's contributions to arts, science and other subjects will be taught at all levels.

MASSIVE CROP LOSS

60,000 ha of cropland in Marathwada in Maharashtra damaged due to last month's unseasonal rains and ₹84 crore would be needed to compensate 1.22 lakh farmers, an official said

05 GET SIGHT
FROM ORGANS DONATED BY INDORE TEMPLE TRAGEDY VICTIMS

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	34	22	Mumbai	34	25
Bhopal	29	18	Panaji	29	23
Jaipur	29	18	Patna	31	20
Amritsar	25	14	Lucknow	28	19
Chennai	32	25	Port Blair	32	25
Kolkata	30	22	Imphal	25	13
Srinagar	16	08	Chandigarh	24	18

Sidhu meets Kharge, gives a skip to Punjab Congress leaders

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

FORMER Punjab Congress president Navjot Singh Sidhu on Friday met the party president Mallikarjun Kharge in Delhi and hailed him, saying "credibility thy name is Mallikarjun Kharge".

After his release from jail, he has not, however, met senior leaders of Punjab Congress, including Punjab Congress president Amarinder Singh Raja Warring and Leader of Opposition Partap Singh Bajwa, which has sparked speculation that factionalism in Punjab Congress is out in the open once again. After meeting Kharge, Sidhu tweeted, "9 times MLA, thrice member Parliament, champion for the cause of underprivileged, voice of truth...'Credibility thy name is Mallikarjun Kharge. Met and took blessings of Hon'ble Congress President, he brings positive vibes and good fortune for the party."

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh was also present in the meeting. He also met Congress general secretary in-charge of organisation K C Venugopal. Sidhu on Thursday

Congress leader Navjot Sidhu meets party chief Mallikarjun Kharge | PTI

met former Congress president Rahul Gandhi and party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and said he could be jailed or intimidated but will not back out from his commitment towards Punjab.

Sidhu had got a rousing welcome after his release from the jail. But no senior state Congress leader was present to receive him. Besides Warring or Bajwa, former CMs Rajinder Kaur Bhattal or Charanjit Singh Channi, former deputy CM Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa and sitting MLAs were conspicuous by the absence. Sidhu, who completed his jail term in a road rage case of 1988, was released from Patiala central jail on April 1.

JHARKHAND

ED seeks action against CM aide in illegal mining

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

THE Enforcement Directorate (ED) has said that illegal mining continues in Sahibganj at the behest of Jharkahand CM Hemant Soren's aide Pankaj Mishra who is in jail since July 2022 in money laundering and illegal mining cases.

The investigation agency has sent a letter to Sahibganj SP on April 7 asking him to take action. The ED, investigating ₹1,000-crore illegal mining and subsequent money laundering in Jharkhand, has said that the illegal mining by Mishra and his associates is continuing unabated under the nose of the administration.

Notably, it is all happening when Sahibganj police has already lodged an FIR linked to illegal mining by Pankaj Mishra, Bishnu Yadav and other associates in December last year, but no action has been taken yet.

Later, the ED registered an Enforcement Case Information Report in this regard on the basis of an FIR lodged by the Sadar police station in Sahibganj on December 1, last year.

Shah sounds '24 poll bugle from SP strongholds in UP

Launches several projects in Kaushambi and Azamgarh districts

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah and senior BJP leader on Friday chose Kaushambi in Prayagraj, and Azamgarh, the Samajwadi Party bastion, to sound the poll bugle for 2024 general elections by asking the people to wipe out Congress, SP and BSP and help BJP achieve 'Mission 80'– winning all 80 LS seats in the state.

During his day-long visit to Uttar Pradesh, Shah recalled the back-to-back victories of 2014, 2017, 2019 and 2022 for the party in UP. He urged the people to show the same sentiment in favour of the saffron party in 2024 and ensure another term for Modi as PM. "UP is the most crucial state and the message emanating from here spreads throughout the country. It is responsibility of the people of UP to take the resolve of ensuring another victory of Modiji," Shah said while addressing a huge rally in Kaushambi after inaugurating the annual Kaushambi Mahotsav. He also announced development schemes worth ₹614 crore to the district.

Shah expressed the confidence that the BJP would cross the 300-mark in the Lok Sabha

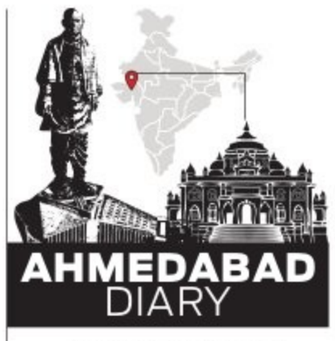
Home Minister Amit Shah with UP CM Yogi Adityanath in Azamgarh on Friday | PTI

to return to power at the Centre in 2024. He launched a broadside against Congress, accusing it of wasting the entire Budget session of Parliament to shield Rahul Gandhi, who was disqualified from Lok Sabha following his conviction by a court in a defamation case.

Referring to Rahul's remarks during his UK trip, Shah said democracy was not in danger but the autocracy of one family and its ways of dynastic politics were in danger.

Later in the day, laying the foundation stone of a Music College dedicated to revered Hahriharpur Gharana of music, in Azamgarh, besides launching development projects worth ₹4,567 crore, Shah said former Azamgarh MP and the Samajwadi Party had ignored the constituency during the pandemic. He credited UP CM Yogi Adityanath with washing away the stigma and taint of terror links attached to Azamgarh by rolling out the welfare schemes.

Azamgarh, a bastion of SP with respectable presence of SP's core voters – Muslim-Yadav combination – was a hard nut to crack for the BJP.



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State BJP leaders to campaign in K'taka

State BJP leaders have been tasked with campaigning in the Karnataka elections. The party has planned to send 150 workers from Gujarat for the campaign. Aside from that, six government and BJP organisation leaders will be on a continuous tour of Karnataka, according to sources, Gujarat BJP leaders will camp in Karnataka beginning April 15. General Secretary, BJP Gujarat, Pradip Singh Vaghela, former ministers Ganpat Vasava, Pravin Mali, Jeetu Vaghani, Purnesh Modi, and CM Bhupendra Patel have all been named for the campaigning.

In first 100 days, 4 shown the door from CM's office

In the first 100 days of Bhupendra Patel's administration, four officials have been removed from his office. According to sources, his personal assistant Drumil Patel was the first to be fired, on direct orders from PMO. Then additional PRO Hitesh Pandya resigned due to his son's alleged connection with Kiran Patel, an alleged thug. Naimesh Dave, an officer on special duty at the CM's office has been transferred and appointed as Sabarkantha collector. Recently, CM's close VD Vaghela was removed from the post, after a complaint was filed against him with the PM's office.

BJP to undergo major changes before LS polls

There is a major upheaval in the BJP politics, with district and city presidents being replaced quickly along with the removal of state general secretary Bhargav Bhatt. The speculation is that the Gujarat BJP will undergo significant changes before the Lok Sabha elections. The position of state general minister is regarded as the most important in the BJP, after state president. According to party sources, after the local elections, and then the assembly elections, the party high command was receiving complaints against Bhatt, and there is a speculation within the party that he was removed thereafter.

Akal Takht: If govt can talk to Kashmiris & Nagas, why not us?

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

CHIEF of Akal Takht -- the highest temporal seat of Sikhs -- Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh -- said on Friday that it does not want any confrontation with the government but wants a discussion to resolve some issues.

He said the media, judiciary and executive are under constant "threat" of the government as concerted efforts were being made to malign the Punjabis and a section of the media is being abused for it.

Addressing a special gathering of Sikh journalists at Takht Damdama Sahib in Talwandi Sabo near Bathinda, Akal Takth Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh said, "They have not shown Maharashtra or Bengal burning where clashes took place on Ram Navami. There is no communal tension in Punjab and everyone is living like brothers. But they are showing Punjab in a bad light which is "sheer discrimination against the state."

He said the community wanted a peaceful resolution of all issues. "If the government can discuss issues with the Nagas and Kashmiris, then why not us? In 75 years, some 75 commitments have been made to the Sikhs, but none of them has been fulfilled. If you suppress our voice, we will speak from Haryana, Bengal, the US etc, nobody can suppress our voice," he said.

He said the national media was wrongly covering them. "The national media covering this event is running news that Amritpal will be arrested today during the event," he said.

While asking the media not to twist his words, Singh said, "Yesterday a flag march was taken out here where Baisakhi is celebrated every year. Heavy police were deployed in a bid to create an atmosphere of fear. I appealed to Sikhs to come for Baisakhi and I request the media not to twist my words and run news that I gave a call for 'Sarbat Khalsa'."

Singh said the Akal Takht would stand with media organizations facing oppression from the state. "I want to clarify that Akal Takth will stand against injustice with journalists who are exposing the governments as efforts are been made to suppress the press, the fourth pillar of democracy."

He announced a new platform to track and bust "anti-Sikh" content being circulated online. "We will work to resume social media spaces withheld, removed on the directions of the government," he said.

He also asked the Punjab government to stop creating panic among the people of Punjab. "To track anti-Sikh or Anti-Punjabi phobia, we will constitute a strong group to keep tabs on news running against us in a bid to defame our community," he said.

Singh also slammed the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) for its alleged failure in initiating legal action against police officers who "wrongly" termed old Khalsa raj flags as those of Khalistan.

Police leave cancelled

Punjab Police has cancelled the leave of all police personnel in the state till April 14. "All kinds of leaves sanctioned previously stand cancelled forthwith. This is being issued on the directions of W/DGP," said an official letter issued by the Office of the Director General of Police, Punjab.

NEW APPROACH

HP may legalise cultivation of cannabis soon

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE Himachal Pradesh government is considering legalisation of cannabis cultivation in the state.

CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu while speaking with the media on Thursday said, "Cannabis cultivation would play a significant role in generating revenue for the state besides proving beneficial for patients as it has many medicinal properties."

Sukhu said that the state government is cautious about the potential increase in drug use and has formed a five-member committee of MLAs. The committee will conduct a study about all aspects related to cannabis cultivation, and submit a report within a month.

He said that Himachal is not the first state in the country to legalise cannabis cultivation.

The neighboring state of Uttarakhand was the first state to legalise it in 2017, while controlled cultivation of cannabis is also being done in some districts of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

PK tastes first poll win; BJP biggest party in Bihar legislative council

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

BIHAR Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's JD (U) has been relegated to the second position in the state legislative council after elections to five seats, while poll strategist Prashant Kishor's Jan Suraj Abhiyan supported independent candidate has won from Saran.

Elections were held to Saran (Graduate) , Gaya (Graduate), Gaya (Teachers) and Kosi, while Saran (Teachers) saw by-elections. The results of the elections were announced late on Thursday.

The by-election was necessitated due to the death of former CPI MLC Kedarnath Pandey. Pandey's son Anand Pushkar, who contested the polls as joint Grand Alliance candidate, was defeated by Independent candidate Afaque Ahmad, backed by Jan Suraj Abhiyan.

Ahmad's win is seen as a major morale booster for Kishor, who had embarked on the statewide 'Jan Suraj Yatra' from West Champaran district on October 2 last year.

Prashant Kishore | FILE PHOTO

Meanwhile, BJP has emerged as the single largest party. BJP has 24 members in the 75-member House by winning two seats. JD (U) has been relegated to the second position with 23 MLCs. Earlier, Nitish's party had 24 MLCs. BJP retained one seat while wrested one seat from JD (U). BJP won both Gaya (Teachers) and Gaya (Graduates) seats.

Grand Alliance candidates emerged victorious in Kosi (Graduates) and Saran (Graduates). The major loser was the state RJD president Jagdanand Singh's son Puneet Kumar Singh who lost from Gaya.

Guj sees 30% rise in biomedical waste

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THE state of Gujarat generates over 52,800 kg of biomedical waste per day. Post Covid-19 pandemic, the amount of biomedical waste in the state has increased by 30 per cent.

According to statistics presented in Lok Sabha by the Union Ministry of Forest Environment, Gujarat ranks fifth in the country in terms of biomedical waste. In 2020, Gujarat produced 49,492 kg of medical waste per day which has risen to 52,800 kg per day in 2021.

Moreover, some medical professionals have stated that Ahmedabad alone is responsible for over 60 per cent of the state's overall medical waste production. However, Ahmedabad Municipal Commissioner M Thennarson has claimed that the health care system in the city is excellent which may indicate that the amount of medical waste is high.

"It being a centre and also because of the affordable health facilities, lots of NRIs are coming to Ahmedabad for health care, leading the city to become a medical tourism spot. I am not saying it is the reason, but it could be one of the reasons for the rise in biomedical waste. We have an agency that collects biomedical waste from hospitals and disposes it in a scientific way," said Thennarasan. However, environmentalists have rejected the municipal commissioner's claims.

Mahesh Pandya, an environmentalist, claimed: "Private individuals have been given contracts to collect biomedical waste in Gujarat, and a fee has been set so that if you give your biomedical waste, the doctor will pay Rs 30."

"The issue is that when there is an epidemic, this waste suddenly increases, and private contractors do not increase their space or facility for it because they cannot afford to keep that space after the epidemic, so such people throw medical waste anywhere and jeopardise people's lives," Pandya said.

Senior physician Dr Yogesh Gupta, said, "Hospitals and other health facilities generate an ever-increasing amount of waste, approximately 15 per cent of which may be infectious, toxic, or radioactive. Healthcare waste contains potentially harmful microorganisms, which can infect hospital patients, health workers, and the general public. This waste is being generated faster than other environmental pollutants, including greenhouse gases."

"Biomedical waste issue came to highlight in 2009 in the state when more than 240 people were infected with Hepatitis B because of the reuse of syringes. 1998, 2011, and 2016 were the years when framework was laid down by government. Even today in India, the knowledge and the practice in the health care industry are not satisfactory. Strict implementation of rules is necessary and is the need of the hour," said Gupta.

The Central Pollution Control Board has launched a mobile application called 'COVID-19BWM APP' to ensure that the biomedical waste is collected, transported and sent to a registered common biomedical waste treatment facility.

There were complaints about the proper disposal of biomedical waste in Gujarat during Covid-19.

Pictures of PPE kits, masks, and gloves being thrown outside hospitals, cemeteries, and many other public places went viral on social media.

IN A NUTSHELL

5TH Gujarat's ranking in the country in terms of biomedical waste generation

52,800 KG The amount of biomedical waste the state generates in a day

30% Post-Covid-19, biomedical waste has increased this much

60% Ahmedabad's contribution to Gujarat's medical waste, say some experts

15% of hospital watse may be infectious, toxic, or radioactive; healthcare waste contains potentially harmful microorganisms which can infect hospital patients, health workers and the general public

Bhagwat's Good Friday message: Hindu saints known for services

RAJESH ASNANI @Jaipur

A three-day Rashtriya Sewa Sangam of the RSS began in Jaipur on Friday and was inaugurated by RSS leader Mohan Bhagwat. During his address on Good Friday, Bhagwat emphasised that the service provided by Hindu saints to Indian society is way better than that of Christian missionaries.

The RSS has often criticised Christian missionary schools and institutions for their alleged efforts to convert people. Bhagwat noted that members of the missionary society were providing services by running hospitals and schools worldwide. However, after observing the work done by Hindu saints across the country, he realised that the saints were doing an excellent job, even better than the missionaries.

"When we talk of services, common people mention the names of missionaries who run schools and many organizations across the world. However, the service rendered by Hindu saints are no less. It came to my notice that the services of the saints who are engaged in spiritual works in four

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat at the Rashtriya Sewa Sangam in Jaipur on Friday | PTI

states of south India are many times more than the service of the missionaries put together."

"There cannot be any measure of service, it is not a matter of competition, it is a natural expression of man. If India wants to grow, then every person of India has to bring himself to give service with a smile. When people started serving the Sangh, they came to know that many people were doing many types of service in our country". Bhagwat said India's society is of real human beings, they have compassion, not just sympathy. Compassion is one of the four legs of society.

He further mentioned that Sangh has been serving society since inception, and everyone has the potential for service, which needs to be awakened. The Sangh is currently striving to create a healthy society through service. Bhagwat stressed the importance of considering everyone as equal and providing strength to weaker individuals in society.

CHINA SANCTIONS US GROUPS FOR VISIT OF TAIWAN PREZ

Includes organisations such as Reagan Library and Hudson Institute

TAIPEI

CHINA retaliated for the US House speaker's meeting with the Taiwanese president by announcing sanctions on Friday against the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and other organisations, adding to strains over the self-governed island democracy Beijing claims as part of its territory.

China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced the Reagan library and the Hudson Institute, a Washington think tank, were sanctioned for "providing a platform and convenience to Taiwan separatist activities."

It said Chinese institutions were prohibited from having any cooperation or contact with them.

Hudson Institute President John P. Walters said that China's Communist Party "has a long history of attempting to silence voices, domestically and abroad, that oppose its international aggression and its oppression of the Chinese people. It has not worked before and it will not work now. We stand firmly with Taiwan and against the CCP and its ruthless, genocidal policies."

Tsai accepted a leadership award from the Hudson Institute as part of her trip and gave a speech about Taiwan's challenges in regional security.

The ministry also cited Walters; Sarah May Stern, chair of the Hudson Institute board of directors; John Heubusch, former executive director of the Reagan Foundation, and Joanne M. Drake, the foundation's chief administrator.

The ministry said they were barred from visiting China and any property or financial assets belonging to them in China would be frozen.

"We will take resolute measures to punish the 'Taiwan independence' separatist forces and their actions, and resolutely safeguard our country's sovereignty and territorial integrity," the Chinese Cabinet's Taiwan Affairs Office said.

Also, two groups in Asia—Prospect Foundation and Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats—were sanctioned for their involvement in promoting Taiwan independence under the guise of academic and research exchanges.

China has stepped up efforts to intimidate Taiwan as three Chinese warships sailed in waters surrounding the island, while a fighter jet and an anti-submarine helicopter also crossed Taiwan's air defence identification zone, said the defence ministry in Taipei.

Tsai remained firm in her stance of Taiwan's global engagement upon her return on Friday. "We have shown the international community that when we face pressure and threats, Taiwan will be more united," she said. *Agencies*

Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen, centre, is greeted before a Bipartisan Leadership Meeting at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in California on Wednesday | AP

Beijing against status quo on Taipei, says US

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said that "in recent years, we have seen: For the Chinese leadership, the status quo that brought peace and stability to the Taiwan Strait for decades is no longer acceptable. This has led China to increase pressure and coercive means against Taiwan."

Colonial-era file sheds light on Indian jewels in UK's royal treasury

LONDON

THE discovery of a colonial-era file from the archives of the India Office, the then-British government department, has shed light on many precious gems and jewels that came into the possession of the royal family, including many jewels of King Charles III.

As part of a 'Cost of the crown' series, *The Guardian* has been chronicling an investigation into UK's royal wealth and finances in the lead-up to the Coronation of Charles III on May 6. In one of the reports this week, it references a 'remarkable' 46-page file uncovered from the India Office archives that detail an investigation, apparently commissioned by Queen Mary.

Among its references is an emerald-encrusted gold girdle used to decorate the horses in the stables of Maharaja Ranjit Singh of Punjab, which now forms part of King Charles' royal collection.

"The report, from 1912, explains how priceless pieces, including Charles's emerald belt, were extracted from India as trophies of conquest and later given to Queen Victoria," *The Guardian* investigation reveals. "The items described are now owned by the monarch as property of the British crown."

The Koh-i-Noor diamond in Queen Mary's Crown

The infamous Koh-i-Noor diamond is said to have come into the possession of Queen Victoria as a result of a plunder by East India Company officials after he was forced to sign Punjab over to the Company and as per records, the stables would have been among the many targets of plunder.

Among the jewels identified in the document uncovered by *The Guardian* is a "short necklace of four very large spinel rubies," the largest of which is a 325.5-carat spinel that later came to be identified as the Timur ruby. However, research by the academic Susan Stronge in 1996 concluded it was probably never owned by the Mongol conqueror and belonged to several kings of Persia and Mughal emperors before Queen Victoria sent it from India.

Another Indian item chronicled is a pearl necklace consisting of 224 large pearls, which is also believed to have come from Ranjit Singh's treasury.

As per investigative series, Queen Mary's interest in origins of her jewellery appears to have been prompted by a curiosity about some of her pearls' origin rather than any moral concern about their colonial origins. *PTI*

EXPRESS READ

US WSJ reporter charged with spying in Russia

Moscow: Moscow has formally charged US journalist Evan Gershkovich with espionage, Russian news agencies reported on Friday, adding that he had denied the accusations. The arrest of *Wall Street Journal* correspondent Evan Gershkovich prompted an outcry from media outlets and rights groups, as well as government officials in Washington. "FSB investigators charged Gershkovich with espionage in the interests of his country," Russian state-run agency *TASS* said, citing a law enforcement source. "He categorically denied all accusations and stated that he was engaged in journalistic activities in Russia," *TASS* said.

Russia threatens to scrap Ukraine grain deal

ANKARA

RUSSIAN Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on Friday threatened to abandon a landmark grain deal with Ukraine if obstacles to Moscow's exports remained.

"If there is no further progress in removing barriers to the export of Russian fertilisers and grain, we will think about whether this deal is necessary," Lavrov said in Ankara, alongside his Turkish counterpart, Mevlut Cavusoglu.

Negotiated in July by Turkey and the United Nations, the agreement allows Ukraine to export grain through a safe corridor in the Black Sea.

The agreement has so far allowed the export of more than 27 million tonnes of grain and agricultural products.

It was renewed twice. When it was extended in March, Russia said it would be valid for 60 days instead of the 120 days in the original agreement.

Moscow has been complaining that its side of the agreement, promising the right to export fertiliser, is not being respected. There are no sanctions on Russian exports of food and fertilisers to global markets but the problems are related to the secondary sanctions imposed on shipping and insurance companies as well as banks.

"USA and England took some steps in terms of payment and insurance but we have to be fair, the problems continue," Cavusoglu said, adding that barriers remained.

Meanwhile, the influx of Ukrainian grain into Poland will be restricted, the countries announced Friday, following protests by farmers.

Lavrov, who arrived in Ankara on Thursday, also said that Russia wants any peace talks to focus on creating a "new world order."

"Any negotiation needs to be based on taking into account Russian interests, Russian concerns," Lavrov said.

"It should be about the principles on which the new world order will be based," adding that Russia rejects a "unipolar world order led by one hegemon," he added. *AFP*

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Sergey Lavrov

Pakistan Army Chief's personal data breach prompts inquiry

ISLAMABAD

A powerful panel of Pakistan's Parliament has sought a criminal investigation against officials of a government agency that allegedly accessed the personal information of Army chief General Asim Munir and his family, a media report said on Friday.

According to the *Dawn*, two Pakistani journalists claimed in a vlog earlier this week that in October 2022, personal data and travel records of Gen.

Munir's family were allegedly accessed by National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) officers in a bid to stop his appointment as the Chief of Army Staff. NADRA also confirmed the news of the personal information of the Army chief's family being accessed and stolen.

At a PAC of Parliament meeting on Thursday, chaired by Member of the National Assembly Noor Alam Khan, expressed serious concerns over media reports about the breach, the report said. Noor Alam said that those involved in the data theft should be behind bars, adding that Military Intelligence and Inter-Services Intelligence should be a part of the criminal investigation. "It should be determined how the family's personal information was stolen," Noor Alam was quoted as saying in the report. Munir was serving as a Lieutenant General at the time of the alleged data breach, in line to be appointed to the top post. The PAC also summoned the NADRA chairman Tariq Malik, who was absent from the meeting due to other engagements. Munir assumed charge as the new Army chief late last year and became the 17th Chief of the Army Staff. He replaced Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa. *PTI*

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. SWR/W/TS/USFD/2023/02/E Dated: 03.04.2023
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following works:

Description of Work	Appx. Value
Ultrasonic Testing of Rails in Bangalore division of South Western Railway as per Indian Railways Standard Specifications Ultrasonic Rail Testing of Rails (Revised-2012) for a period of 24 months.	Rs. 1,40,98,764/-

Last date for submission of bids: Up to 15:30 hrs. of 02.05.2023
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Deputy Chief Engineer/Track Procurement Headquarters/Hubballi
PUB/13/AAV/PRB/SWR/2023-24
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Corrigendum to e-Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/100/2022 Dated: 26.10.2022

Item of Work	Appx. Value
Construction of Electrified New Broad Gauge Line Track between Malugur (CH:0.000) to Palasamudram (Ch: 17180.000) including signalling telecommunication & electrical works (17.18 Km). (Tender Ref. No.: MLU-PALASAMUDRAM-EPC-01)	Rs. 232,05,30,000/-

Existing bid due date is 15:00 hrs. of 17.04.2023
Revised bid due date is 15:00 hrs. of 02.06.2023
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Chief Materials Manager / Construction Bengaluru
PUB/11/AAV/PRB/SWR/2023-24
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

LOST OF DOCUMENT
I, SRINIVASA L, No. 7/2, 1st Cross, Chikka Adugodi, Thavarekere Main Road, Bengaluru 560029, have Lost Sale deed No. 814/1987 dated 13-03-1987 situated at bearing site. No.7/2 in. survey No.80/7 of situated at Thavarekere village, Division No.58, Bangalore 81, within the Registration district of Bangalore south, sub District of Jayanagar. Bounded on the North by : St.John's Medical College, South by : Road. West by : Site No.7/1, East by : Site No. 8, admeasuring east west 30 feet and North to south 40 feet, has been misplaced / lost and despite hectic efforts I could not trace the same.
I state that, I have lodged the Police Complaint vide Lost Report No. 0525129/2023 dated 06/04/2023 with Police Station, Bengaluru City. If anybody found please Call : 9148210777.

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to bring to your kind notice, that my client Mr.Chinnappa Naidu and Madhu.B intends to Purchase All that piece and parcel of the immovable of property bearing Western Portion of Residential Site Nos.22 and 39, Old Katha No.70/3/21/22/39/40, Situated at Devasandra Village, K.R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 60 Feet, in all total measuring 1800 Sq.ft, together with RCC Roofing, building consists of Ground Floor, First Floor and Second Floor, Ground Floor Measuring 12 Squares, First Floor Measuring 15 Squares, and Second Floor Measuring 15 Squares with civil amenities and bounded on the East by : Eastern Portion of Site No.22 and 39 Belongs to M Murali, West by : 20 Feet Road, North by : 20 Feet Road. South by: 20 Feet Road, from its owner Mr.C.Manjunatha, if any Persons/Financial Institutions/Firms having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within 15 days from this date of publication to the undersigned.
VAKIL LEGAL CHAMBERS
Advocates & Consultants,
Office @: No 54, 2nd Floor, C Leela Prakash Nilaya, 2nd Main Road, Old Madras Road, Benniganahalli, Bangalore-560016.
Mobile No. 9738815777/9739894247.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that Sri.K.V.Balaji, S/o.Late.K.Venkataramanappa, desirous to sell the under mentioned property to my client and any person or persons claiming any interest on the under mentioned property or any part thereof, is hereby required to communicate the same to me, with documentary evidence at my office at No.F-4, First floor, BASCO Complex, Gandhibazaar circle, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004, within 15 days from the date of this publication, as otherwise the said sale will be completed without any reference or regard to any such purported claim or interest, which shall be deemed to have been waived for all intents and purposes.
SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of the immovable vacant residential property bearing BDA site No.430, PID No.3217130685, situated at 11th Block, Anjanapura Further extension, Bangalore, measuring East -West 12.00 mtrs and North - South 18.00 Mtrs, in all measuring 216.00 Sq.mtrs and Bounded on
East by : Site No.429
West by : Site No.431
North by : Road
South by : Site No.452 & 451
M.S. MANJUNATH, ADVOCATE,
MS ASSOCIATES
No.F-4, First floor, BASCO Complex, Gandhibazaar circle, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004, Ph No; 080-26673086
Mail ID : ms26673086@gmail.com
Bangalore. Date: 07/04/2023

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE I ADDITONAL DISTRICT JUDGE, TRICHIRAPPALLI
O.S. No. 171/2017
Babu, S/o. Appadurai Ayyangar, D.-106, Daffodil Apartments, Vasantha Vihar, Trichirappalli District. Now at BIK210A, Compassvale Lane, 07-162, Compassvale Becon, Singapore - 521210. ... Plaintiff
Vs
Abishek, S/o. Babu, No.1036, A-Main Road, 2nd Stage, 9th Block, Nagarbavi, Bangalore - 560 072. ... 2nd Defendant
Sir, Take notice that in the above case filed by the plaintiff for cancelling the Power Deed executed by the plaintiff in favor of 1st defendant and cancelling the settlement Deed in your favor, you are arrayed as 2nd defendant and the same is posted on **27.04.2023** for your appearance in the above court at **10.30 a.m.** Hence you are hereby called upon to appear either in person or through an advocate before the said court and state your objections if any on that date. Otherwise you will be set ex-parte and the above case will be decided in your absence.
D.R. MURUGESAN, B.Sc. B.L.,
C. BHARATHI, B.A., B.L.,
Advocates, Tiruchirappalli.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public are informed that my client **Mr. K G Raphel**, S/O K T George aged about 64 years residing at No.85, Michel Palyam, Indiranagar, New Thippasandra Post, Bangalore-560 075, hereby informs that the original registered Sale Deed dated 24/6/2000 bearing document No. 2654/2000-2001 of Volume No.1 ADR1158, Page No.203-207/2000-2001 in the office of Sub Registrar Yelahanka, Bangalore Executed by Executive Engineer KHB Yelahanka which have been lost/misplaced in Page No.5 for the above Sale Deed. My client has also lodged a police complaint, No.0525360/2023on 6/4/2023 before Crime Branch, Bangalore City Police. Any person/s in possession of the aforesaid document may return the same to me or anyone having any sort of crime over the said property may lodge their objections in writing within seven days from this day to the undersigned.
N.S. NARASIMHA MURTHY B.Com LLB
ADVOCATE
#33(707), 1st Main, 2nd Cross, 4th Phase, Yelahanka New Town, BENGALURU-560 064.
Mob:9343714124, Ph. 080-28562332
E-mail: nsnm9272@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general public that my clients (1) Balaji .B.N., S/o. Nagarajaiah Shetty, and (2) Ramya .G.S., W/o. Balaji .B.N., both are residing at Cheemangala, Chikkaballapura-562 102, is intending to purchase the schedule property morefully described in the schedule hereunder from its owner (1) Mohan Kumar, S/o. M.S. Huchaiah and (2) Mayanna Gowda, S/o. Late Sanna Hucche Gowda. Any person/s having any right, title, interest or claim in the schedule property or any part thereof in any manner are objecting to such transaction in favour of my clients may write to the undersigned with requisite documentary evidence **within 7 days** from the issuance of this public notice. If no claims or objections are registered my clients shall proceed and complete the sale transaction to purchase the schedule property deemed to be free from all encumbrances. Any claims received beyond 7 days will not be considered.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the Flat bearing No. 101 on the First Floor East Facing in SAI ARCADE consisting three bedrooms measuring 1500 square feet super built up area with one roof covered car parking space in the stilt floor along with 400 square feet of undivided right, title and interest in the residential property bearing Municipal No. 16, PID No. 2-31-16, (formerly bearing Site No. 8, carved out of Sy.No. 30/3A of Jalahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk), situated at 12th B Main Road, Near Railway Gate, Muthyalanagar, Bengaluru, in Corporation Division No. 1, and bounded on;
East by : Road, **West by :** Remaining portion of the same property, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Old Site No. 7.
Adinarayana, Advocate
No. 11, 3rd Floor, 9th Cross, Cubbonpet, Bengaluru-560 002. Mob. No. 9972428444

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE - (DRT-2)
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore – 560 002
O.A. No.845 / 2022.
Between:Canara Bank A body Corporate constituted under the Banking Companies (Acquisition And Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970 And having its head Office at No.112, J. C Road Bengaluru and having a branch office amongst Other places at Vijayapura, Near Bus Stand, No - 2967 & 2968, Vijayapura Town, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District - 562135. IFSC Code - CNRB-0000438. Tel. No-9483530438, 080-27668228.E-mail id:cb0438@canarabank.com Represented by its Manager and Constitued Attorney Mr. Nishant Suraj Nayak, Aged about 32 years, S/o Parasuram Nayak. Mobile No - 91-8249624776. E-mail id:cb0438@canara bank. com ...Applicant
And:
1.N.R.Nanjareddy (since deceased), Represented by his legal Heirs-D2,D3,D4,D5 & D6 Herein.
2. Arun Kumar N Aged about 35 years, S/o Late Nanja Reddy,
3. Nagarathnamma Major, W/o Late Nanja Reddy,
4. Anuradha N Major, D/o Late Nanja Reddy,
5.Indumathi N Major, D/o Late Nanja Reddy,
6. Priyanka N Major, D/o Late Nanja Reddy,
D2 to D6 are resident of Narayanapura Village, Devanahalli Taluk - 562135 - Bengaluru Rural District Karnataka - India.
...Defendants
NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993
Whereas, the applicant Bank has instituted an application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of the Debts and Bankruptcy Act 1993 against you for the receovery of a sum of **Rs.33,68,844.66ps** (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Four and Sixty Six Paisa) only together with current and future interest, costs and other relief's. the above defendants are therefore, hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or through authorized agents in support of their defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **28-07-2023 at 10:30 A.M.** as to why the relief's prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand the seal of this Tribunal this the **28th day of March 2023.**
By Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II

PUBLIC NOTICE
LOST OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENT
The General Public are hereby notified that, my client **Mrs. MUKUL SAIKIA, W/o. Mr. Jai Ram Saikia,** aged about 49 years, residing at No. 7, Bindu Layout, Kattigenahalli, Bengaluru-560064 has lost her Original Sale Deed, registered as Document No. BNG (U) YLNK/9597/2018-19 YAN-1-09597-2018-19- I Book C.D, No. YAND 678 date 09-01-2019 in the office of Sr. Sub-Registrar, Yelahanka, Bengaluru in respect of the property bearing No.7, Assessment No. 189, BBMP Khatha No. 763/189/7 Bindu Layout, Kattigenahalli, Bengaluru-6, **Measuring** : East to West : 30 ft. and North to South : 40 ft. **totally 1200 Sq.Ft** Residential house consisting of Four Floors. In this regard a Police Complaint Dt. 22-02-2023 reference No. SHD-2023 vide GSC No. PO 18222306000069 has been lodged by my client at Bagalur Police station, Bengaluru, Karnataka State Police. If any person finds the same may be handed over / returned to the address mentioned below:-
Sri B.R. Shashibhushan, Advocate
No. 12, Suhrutha, Anjaneya Temple Street, Kogilu Raod, Kattigenahalli, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-64. M: 9448574303

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
CHENNAI DIVISION
E-Tender Notice No: V/TRD-OT/01/2023-24 item 1 Dated 05.04.2023
Name of work: TVC Division - Outsourcing of PSI maintenance activities of 25 kV Traction Sub-Station at Ernakulam (ERS) for two years.
Tender Value: 36,22,528.23
Period of completion: 2 years
Cost of Tender Document : Rs.3540/-
Earnest Money Deposit: Rs.72,500/-
E-Tender Notice No: V/TRD-OT/01/2023-24 item 2 Dated 05.04.2023
Name of work: TVC Division - Outsourcing of PSI maintenance activities of 25 kV Traction Sub-Station at Kazhakuttam (KZK) for two years
Tender Value: 21,94,040.89
Period of completion: 2 years
Cost of Tender Document : 3540/-
Earnest Money Deposit: 43,900/-
Date and Time of Tender closing: 04.05.2023 @14.00Hrs
Complete Details and Tender document will be available at http://www.ireps.gov.in
Follow us on : twitter.com/GMSRailways

IN THE COURT OF THE VII ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-19)
P & SC No. 118 OF 2023
BETWEEN:
1. Sri. Venkatram Subramony, S/o Late V.Subramony, Aged about 59Years Residing at No.56, 6th Main, 5th Block Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560 041
2. Smt. Sharada Subramaniyan, D/o Late V.Subramony, Aged about 61 years Residing at D 206, Ananyas Nana Nani Homes, Phase 4, Kasthirinayakkanpalayam, Vadavalli, Coimbatore 641 041
3. Smt. Revathi Subramony, D/o Late V.Subramony, Aged about 56 years Residing at 8 Dillon Court, Exton, PA 19341, USA
Petitioner No. 3 represented by her Power of Attorney Holder:
Sri. Venkatram Subramony, S/o Late V.Subramony, Aged about 59Years Residing at No. 56, 6th Main, 5th Block Jayanagar, Bangalore 560041 ... **Petitioners**
AND
NIL ... **Respondent**
PUBLIC NOTICE
WHEREAS, the petitioners above named has filed Petition under Section 372 of Indian Succession Act, 1925 for grant of Succession Certificate in respect of the Pension Policy as mentioned in the Schedule hereunder held by Late V. Subramony who passed away on 18.05.2021 and such other benefits that has accrued to the schedule mentioned shares, for costs and such other reliefs as this Hon'ble Court deems fit under the facts and circumstances of the case, in the interest of justice and equity.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
Annuity No. 30-0324 under Policy No. 3026 for an amount of Rs.6,08,928/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Eight Only) at Life Insurance Corporation of India.
Interested parties are hereby warned to appear in this Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed on the **6th day of June 2023 (06.06.2023) at 11:00 a.m.** in forenoon to show cause against the petitioners, failing wherein the matter will be heard and determined ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on 17th day of March 2023.
By Order of the Court Assistant Registrar
City Civil Court Bangalore
RAJESH B. L., Advocate,
No.24, IV Model House Street Basavanagudi, Bangalore 560 004.

STATE BANK OF INDIA
Stressed Assets Management Branch,
II Floor, Office Complex Building, SBI LHO Compound, No.65, St Marks Road, Bengaluru-560001, Ph: 080-25943477, FAX:080-22225203,
E-mail: sbi.04209@sbi.co.in
AUCTION CANCELLATION
Reference to the E-auction sale notice published in the Indian Express and Samyuktha Karnataka on 31.03.2023 pertaining to **M/s. Link Marble & Granites Pvt.Ltd.** which is scheduled on 04.05.2023 stands cancelled.
06.04.2023 Sd/-
Bangalore Authorised Officer

My Client Akarsh and Rao Builders, intends to enter into Joint Development Agreement on below mentioned Schedule Property belonging to, Dr. S Nirmala M.D, aged about 62 years, who have acquired title vide registered Sale Deed dated 17.10.1994, registered as Document no. 4802-1994-95 at the Sub-Registrar office, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru).
Any person or persons asserting any rights, titles or claim in the schedule property in any manner or the documents thereof or objecting to such sale in favour of my client should write to the undersigned within 7 days (Seven days) from the date of issuance of the Public Notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to the schedule property. The claims and objections received thereafter will not be binding on my client and thereafter my client shall proceed to purchase the schedule property as if there are no claimants / objections to the schedule property.
If at all there are any claims and objections on the said schedule property and to notify the same, please contact Ms. Archana, Advocate at **+919972148701.**
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All the piece and Parcel of House Property bearing Hose List No.504/25, Khata No. 489/1 situated at Arakere Gramantana Hulimavu Village Panchayath, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Measurig East to West on the North Side 40 feet, South Side 42-4 feet, North to South on East 45 feet, on West side 59 feet, with 1/2 sqrs of Mangalore tiled Roof House, bounded on : East by: 25 Road, West by: Property No.50,North by: Property No.26 South by: Road.
Archana Bhageerathi, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the General Public that my client/s is/are intending to purchase the schedule property from its owner Smt.B S Parvatha, Wife of Late. K N Papegowda, aged about 70 years, residing at No: 46, Bharath Nagar, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-560097, PAN: BACPP3833A/ AADHAAR: 3418 5725 6331
Any person, having any claim over the schedule property claiming through the predecessors in title or any other person/s, may lodge their objections or claims, in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by registered post with regard to such claim with the undersigned within 10 (ten) days hereof, failing which my client/s will proceed to conclude the Sale Transaction. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained by my client/s;
SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of vacant site bearing Municipal No.946 (carved out of land in Sy.No.2/2, 2/3, 28/2, 29, 30/1, 12/6 to 12/9, 13/1, 13/5, 14/7 to 14/9, situated at N S Palya, Taverekere Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore) now presently situated at Mico Employees Griha Nirmana Sangha Layout, Bangalore, Ward No.176-BTM Layout (old ward no.65), PID No.65-94-946 and bounded on the :
East by : Property bearing No.969;
West by : Road;
North by : Property bearing No.945;
South by : Property bearing No.947;
Measuring: East to West: 18.29 meters;
North to South: 12.50 meters;
In all admeasuring 228.63 Square meters;
N S SATYANARAYANA GUPTA
K S NAYAK, N S RACHANA
N C JANARDHAN, Advocates
Rachana Law Associates
"Lakshmideep", I Floor, No:2980, 17th Cross, Banashankari II Stage, BANGALORE – 560 070 PH : 9731810810
Date : 07-04-2023

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No.05/SBC/23 Dated: 31.03.2023
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following works:

SL	Description of Work	Approx. Value
1	Assistant Divisional Engineer / Bengaluru section: Supply of drinking water to railway station and staff quarters in Assistant Divisional Engineer / Bengaluru sub division. (Bengaluru East, Baiyyappanahalli, Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal, Krishnarajapuram, Diesel Loco Shed Krishnarajapuram, Hoodi Halt, Satellite Goods Terminal, Whitefield, Devangonthi, Malur Stations).	Rs.1,92,93,871/-
2	Senior Divisional Engineer/West/Bengaluru section: Kengeri - Proposed provision of coach watering facilities at Kengeri station. Maintenance period is 6 months.	Rs. 1,86,13,636/-
3	Bengaluru-Salem section: Supply of drinking water to railway station and staff quarters between Omaluru-Lottegollahalli stations for a period of one year.	Rs. 37,84,662/-

Last date for submission of bids: Up to 15:00 hrs. of 10.04.2023
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Engineer / Co-ordination Bengaluru
PUB/12/AAV/PRB/SWR/2023-24
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public are hereby notified that, my client, **SMT. BHAGYALAKHSMI,** aged about 43 years, W/o Narendra. K, R/at, Muthukurappa Layout, Opp HDFC Bank, Garudacharpalya, Mahadevapura Post, Bangalore -5600048, had intend to purchase the below mentioned Schedule property from its lawful owner. **MR. SHANKARAPPA,** aged About 72 years, S/o, Abbaiah Reddy, R/at, No- 41," Venkateshwara Nilaya", 2nd Cross, Varanasi @ Jinkatimmanahalli, T.C. Palya Post, Bangalore- 560036.
Any person or persons, Bank, financial institutions etc, having any valid right, title interest or any claim over the Schedule Property or any portions of it in any manner may with documentary evidence lodge their objections/ claim within 4 days from the date of this notice with the undersigned, if no valid objections are received within the stipulated date, our client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule property.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
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$329 mn drop in India's forex reserves $578.449 billion for the week ending March 31, on decline in gold reserves, the RBI said on Friday

Gas price for Apr fixed at $6.5 a unit

Under new rules, floor and ceiling prices of gas fixed at $4 and $6.5 a unit, respectively

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

A day after announcing the revised gas pricing norms, the government on Friday announced the natural gas price of $7.92 per unit for April 2023, but as per the new price formula the same will be capped at $6.5 per unit.

The new gas pricing norms issued on Thursday (April 6, 2023), under which gas price will be determined based on average crude price basket of previous month', but with a floor and ceiling price of $4/mmBtu and $6.5/mmBtu, respectively. "For the gas produced by ONGC and OIL from their nomination fields, the price shall be subject to a ceiling of $6.5 per mmBtu," a government order said. Experts opine that city gas distributors could reduce prices of compressed natural gas (CNG), used by vehicles, and piped natural gas (PNG), used by homes, by 9-11%. The move will lead to ₹9.5 per kg decline in CNG and ₹6/scm fall in PNG. For the government, it will help raise the share of gas in India's energy mix to 15% by 2030 from 6.2% at present, and will also bring down fertilizer subsidy by about ₹1,400 crore on a full-year basis.

"Had the previous pricing regime continued, prices would have likely risen," said CRISIL in a statement.

To illustrate the new pricing mechanism, if crude basket in March 2023 was $78.54 a barrel, then as per the new formula, the administrative price mechanism (APM) price for April will be $7.85/mBtu. Since it is higher than the cap, ONGC and Oil India will get $6.5/mBtu.

"While the provision of a cap in gas prices is positive from a consumer's perspective, the provision of a floor and 20% premium for production from new wells will incentivise additional investments by upstream producers. The gas price fall should lead to a ₹9.5/kg fall in CNG rates and ₹6/scm fall in PNG(d) rates if fully passed on to consumers," said Prashant Vasisht, vice-President and co-head, ICRA.

Last year, the government had formed a panel headed by Kirit Parikh to review gas pricing. Earlier pricing formula was fixed using four global gas benchmarks.

CNG, PNG prices may go down by 9-11%

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Temasek buys extra 41% in Manipal Hospitals for ₹16K cr

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

SINGAPORE-based investment company Temasek Holdings has acquired an additional 41% stake in Manipal Hospitals for about ₹16,400 crore.

With this, Temasek-owned Sheares Health's stake will increase to 59% in Manipal, and this is said to be the largest private equity deal in the healthcare space. Currently, Sheares owns 18% stake in the hospital. Sources confirmed the deal and said the official announcement will be made on Monday. The enterprise value of the hospitals would be ₹40,000 crore as part of the transaction.

Temasek declined to comment, saying that they would not comment on market speculation, and a mail sent to Sheares did not elicit a response. Apart from Temasek, other stakeholders in Manipal Health Enterprises include TPG and NIIF.

Sources confirmed that NIIF is exiting and that Sheares has also purchased stake from promoter family and TPG.

Sheares is wholly-owned by Temasek, and the group invests in and provides healthcare delivery services in Asia, with a focus on China, India, Vietnam, Malaysia, among other countries. It has invested in Northeast Medical Group, Homage, Columbia China and Iora Health, among others. In India, in 2017, the company invested in Ranjai Pai-controlled Manipal Hospitals.

Set up in 1991 as part of the Manipal Education and Medical Group, with a group of 29 hospitals spread in 15 cities, it is the second-largest hospital chain in India. With 8,300 beds, 4,000 doctors, it has an employee strength of over 11,000. It has acquired hospitals such as Columbia Asia and Vikram Hospital. In 2015, TPG acquired a minority stake in the hospital for ₹900 crore. It also backs Motherhood and Nova IVF. According to Tracxn, Manipal Health Enterprises' revenue in FY22 stood at ₹4,084 crore and its profit stood at ₹541 crore.

As per Statista, Manipal Hospitals had the highest private equity investment of about $286 million in 2021 in the healthcare sector. Various reports say hospital industry in India accounts for 80% of total healthcare market, and it is expected to touch $ 132 billion by 2023.

New IT rules turning point for online gaming industry, say experts

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@ New Delhi

THE clear definition of real-money and permissible games will be crucial in catalysing the growth of legitimate online gaming industry players, said the industry experts on online gaming rules notified by the government on April 6, 2023.

They called the framework a positive turning point for the industry. "This framework will allow us to innovate and operate freely while ensuring that the necessary guardrails are in place to safeguard the users. Overall, this is the best possible framework and the way ahead for online gaming firms in India," said Deepak Gullapalli, founder & CEO, head of Digital Works. The government notified regulations for the industry that prohibits games that involve wagering or betting with real money. It would establish three self-regulatory organisations (SROs) that will approve games that comply with the rules for operation in the country. As per the new IT rules, the gaming platforms must not offer, publish, or share online games that have harmful or

banned content. They will have to verify the identity of online gamers. The purpose of the move is to prevent self-harm or psychological harm from online gaming.

"The new online gaming rules is a watershed moment for the industry, as it recognises online gaming intermediaries and distinguishes them from gambling," said Sai Srinivas, CEO and co-founder, MPL. He said the uniform legal framework provided by these rules will boost investor confidence and will also help reduce regulatory fragmentation at the state level. Tejas Karia, partner & head, Arbitration, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas, said the new rules are significant from the perspective of classifying "intermediaries" for availing immunity from liability depending on the content hosted by them.

Over 30% customers come from tier-II&III markets: Amazon Business

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

AMAZON BUSINESS, the B2B platform of Amazon, which started off with 14,000 sellers in 2017, has now onboarded over 6.5 lakh sellers and India is the second-largest market for the company after the US.

In an interaction with this newspaper, Suchit Subhas, Director, Amazon Business India, said more than 30% of its customers and 25% of orders come from tier-II and III markets.

"Amazon Business currently houses India's largest GST-enabled selection. We serve 99.5% of pin codes across the country and have businesses from some of the remotest parts of the country buying from us," he said, adding B2B e-commerce has seen immense growth in the last few years globally as well as in India.

In the last three years, Amazon Business has grown its customer base by 5X and seen an increase in total sales by 4X. "There has been a 42% increase in monthly transacting customers, and we aim to double down on these numbers in the next few months and further strengthen our approach," Subhas added.

Talking about key trends in 2023, Subhas said MSMEs will leverage digital technologies to improve their competitiveness and reach new markets. "This will involve the adoption of online marketplaces, digital payment systems, and cloud-based tools for managing business operations. Also, they will move to become more efficient, reduce costs and enhance their profitability via adoption of new technologies and the creation of new business models," he added. Apart from these, regional growth of MSMEs will accelerate with increase of skill levels in smaller towns and rural areas. He added that they are the country's largest GST store having over 16 crore GST-enabled products. In terms of sellers, Amazon has digitised 2.5 million MSMEs across the country.

RCap resolution may get delayed further

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The resolution process for debt-ridden Reliance Capital (RCap) could see more delays as the lenders are considering to extend the deadline for completing the resolution process till May 30 from the current deadline of April 16.

It is not possible to conclude the resolution process within the current deadline as the second round of auction is yet to take place. The auction was scheduled for April 11 but it likely to be be postponed by another week, said a source. The deadline to complete the resolution process has been extended multiple times in the past.

All the three bidders - IndusInd International Holdings (IIHL) of Hinduja Group; Torrent Investment and Singapore-based Oaktree - who will participate in the second round of auction - are still engaged with the committee of creditors (CoC) on certain issues. Their major concern is compliance of resolution plans as per the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) and Request for Resolution Plan (RFRP) guidelines, as in the first round of auction, bid by the Hinduja Group firm was submitted post auction.

ASIANOMICS

JAPAN

BOJ CHIEF HARUHIKO KURODA'S 5-YR TERM ENDS TODAY

Picked by then-Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to break Japan out of deflation, Bank of Japan (BOJ) chief Haruhiko Kuroda will see his second, five-year term end on Saturday and hand over the baton to his successor. Shock therapy was among the key features of Kuroda's monetary experiment. Under his leadership, the BOJ deployed a huge asset-buying programme in 2013, partly to convince the public that prices will finally start to rise after decades of deflation. Kuroda was not the first BOJ chief to attempt to influence public perceptions with monetary easing. Toshihiko Fukui, who presided BOJ from 2003 to 2008, frequently expanded quantitative easing. Kuroda took a slightly less dovish tack in his farewell on Friday, ending a decade of unconventional policy that included a "bazooka" of stimulus aimed at boosting inflation and sustainable growth. Handing the reins of the BOJ to academic Kazuo Ueda, Kuroda pointed to progress under his radical easy-money policy, which featured a push to change public perceptions with a wall of money and Peter Pan metaphors.
Asia Shares trade mixed ahead of US job data

ASIA

SHARES TRADE MIXED AHEAD OF US JOB DATA

Asian shares traded mixed on Friday ahead of a US job market update that traders hope might encourage the Federal Reserve to ease off plans for more interest rate hikes. Markets in Shanghai and Seoul rose while Tokyo fell. Markets in Hong Kong, India and Australia were closed for a holiday. The US government data are expected to show the job market is cooling. Traders hope it might prompt the Fed to decide aggressive rate hikes are no longer needed to extinguish inflation. The Shanghai Composite Index gained 0.4% to 3,324.39 while Japan's benchmark index Nikkei 225 lost less than 0.1% to 27,466.88. South Korea's Kospi rose 1.3% to 2,490.37. Bangkok also gained. On Wall Street, benchmark S&P 500 rose 0.4% on Thursday to 4,105.02 after a US government report showed fewer workers filed for unemployment benefits last week. Economists expect Friday's comprehensive non-farm payrolls report to show the number of jobs added by US employers fell to 240,000 last month from February's 311,000. The Dow Jones Industrial Average surged less than 0.1% to 33,485.29. The Nasdaq composite gained 0.8% to 12,087.96.

PAKISTAN

NEEDS TO PAY $77.5 BN IN EXTERNAL DEBT: US THINK TANK

Cash-strapped Pakistan needs to repay $77.5 billion in external debt from April 2023 to June 2026 and the country may face 'disruptive effects' if it ultimately defaults, warned a US think tank. According a Geo News report, an analysis published on Thursday by the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) warned that amid high inflation, political conflicts, and rising terrorism, Pakistan is facing the risk of a default because of its massive external debt obligations. The country is currently grappling with high external debt, a weak local currency and dwindling foreign exchange reserves. The report called the $77.5 billion in external debt that it needs to repay from April 2023 to June 2026 a 'hefty amount' for a $350 billion economy. In the next three years, the debt-struck country has to make major repayments to Chinese financial institutions, private creditors and Saudi Arabia. The report said from April to June 2023, it faces near-term debt repayment pressure as the external debt servicing burden is $4.5 billion.

EXPRESS READ

Coffee Day default is ₹436 cr in Q4FY23

NEW DELHI: Coffee Day Enterprises Ltd (CDEL) has reported a total default of `436.06 crore for the quarter ending March 31, 2023. Its "total financial indebtedness of listed entity including short term and long term debt" is `461.06 crore, the company stated. *PTI*

HMSI recalls nearly 2K CB300R bike units

NEW DELHI: Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India on Friday said it is recalling nearly 2,000 CB300R bike units due to a manufacturing fault in the right crankcase cover of the engine. This could further cause the sealing plug to come off and engine oil to splash out, it added. *PTI*

Bond market expects longer pause in rate hike by RBI

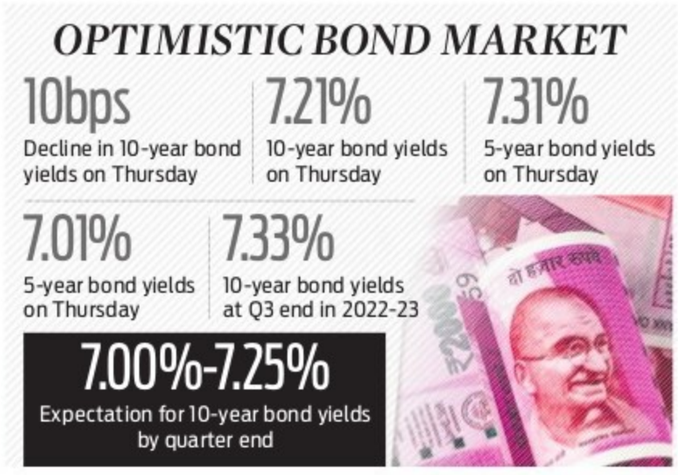
SACHIN KUMAR @ Mumbai

BOND market is interpreting RBI's pause in hike to be a 'longer pause' with no more hikes in next meetings. This is despite RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das stressing that this pause was 'for this meeting' only.

The yield movements in the bond market due to the RBI's decision to pause reflects the optimism of market participants. A day before the Monetary Policy Meeting, 10-year bond yields were hovering near 7.30% as most of the market participants were expecting 25 bps hike. When it didn't happen, yields plunged to the intraday low of 7.14% and closed at 7.21%.

"The general optimistic view in the bond market is that this is a longer pause just for the reason that rates and inflation are well under control," Ankit Gupta, founder, BondsIndia.com told this newspaper. "There is an optimism that in spite of the market was expecting a 25 bps rate hike and it didn't happen so somewhere the central bank is looking for financial stability and growth to be balanced along with taming inflation. So, this might be a longer pause and we may not see hikes in next coming meetings," Gupta added. Market participants believe the RBI had the chance to hike rate this time when the inflation is at current level, why would it raise it going forward when most of the economists expect the inflation to fall in coming months.

"If the RBI was keen to hike rates, it would have hiked this time only. RBI is unlikely to hike rates in near future. Unless inflation surprises in a negative way, the bond market would be trying to build in a situation of no rate hike immediately," Sandeep Bagla, Chief Executive Officer, Trust Mutual Fund.



Market rallies 4% in five sessions, investors wealthier by ₹10.43L cr

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DOMESTIC equity benchmarks ended the three-session holiday-shortened week with gains of about 1.5% as the market cheered improving global cues and return of foreign institutional investors (FIIs).

With this week's surge, Sensex has jumped 2,219 points or 3.85% in past five sessions. Nifty rose 3.52% during this period. This sharp rally, after weeks of corrections, has made equity investors richer by ₹10.43 lakh crore as the market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms has surged from about ₹252 lakh crore to over ₹262 lakh crore between March 29 and April 6.

During the past six sessions, FIIs have invested about ₹6,150 crore. However, they are still net sellers as they have sold equities (net) worth about ₹22,500 crore so far this calendar year.

"The near-term outlook for FIIs looks positive now. Even though Indian valuation continues to be relatively high, the recent market correction has made valuations a bit more reasonable than earlier," said V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services. "An important factor is the impressive turnaround in India's CAD, which has improved due to rising exports. Therefore, rupee is likely to be stable. This may restrain FPIs from turning aggressive sellers. FPIs turning buyers in banking will help these stocks scale higher levels assisted by good Q4 results," added Vijaykumar.

A rout in Adani stocks after the Hindenburg report on January 24, Fed's hawkish stance on rate hikes and collapse of Silicon Valley Bank and sale of troubled Credit Suisse led to aggressive selling in the Indian equity market.

Ceat focuses on EV tyres as market witnesses major shift

VAITHEESWARAN B @ Chennai

MUMBAI-based tyre manufacturer Ceat focuses on research and development of electric vehicle (EV) tyres, steel radials for high-speed long-distance rides and using recyclable materials, as the vehicle market witnesses a major shift.

The sale of electric vehicle tyres is expected to be about 25-30% of the total passenger segment in next five years, and touch 25% of the replacement market in the next three years, Arnab Banerji, chief executive of Ceat told this newspaper.

Currently, the company's 50% volumes consist of EV two-wheelers, with scooters driving up demand; however, Ceat's presence is limited in the four-wheeler segment. "We have a very strong participation in the upcoming models. As of now not many four-wheeler models are running. We will be a strong player when there are more EVs on the road as we're developing new tires. Also, truck and bus categories also undergoing the electrification process and we're in talks with traditional original equipment manufacturers (OEMs)."

The RPG Group firm is jointly developing EV tyres with OEMs and is currently working with Tata Motors, Citroen and MG Motor, among others, in the passenger vehicle market and in talks with Ashok Leyland, Tata Motors, among others, in the commercial market. EV tyres have to carry heavier batteries and withstand initial torque. It should be noiseless and have low rolling resistance to reduce range anxiety, making it a different game compared to traditional vehicles.

Meanwhile, Ceat plans to expand its Chennai plant's manufacturing capacity from 20,000 passenger car radial a day to 40,000, based on demand outlook and has recently established a fully automated warehouse with the capacity of holding 2 lakh tyres, and expand 2-3 times in three years. This will facilitate easy storage, retrieval and fast turnaround time as it focuses on the export market.

The firm's focus on Chennai is important as it plans to ship its product range to the US and European market from there. It also likely to witness demand for its agri radials and truck radials to the North and Latin American markets, apart from its traditional markets. Banerji expects the share of exports from volumes could go up to 50% from 30% in the next few years.

ITF meet: Ramkumar sails into semifinals

Indian players dominated proceedings in the BR Adithyan Memorial ITF tennis tournament in Chennai on Friday booking all the four semifinal spots in the singles event. The doubles final will also be an all-Indian affair. The semifinalists are No 2 seed Ramanathan Ramkumar, Sidharth Rawat, Manish Sureshkumar and 3rd-seed Digvijay Pratap Singh.

CRICKET & DATA, AN UNDENIABLE PARTNERSHIP

With T20 leagues played all through the year, technology and analytics have become the go-to tool for teams to outdo their opponents

Data and video analysts are an integral part of any sports teams | SPORTZPICS

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @Chennai

DATA analytics and the use of technology has become a nondeniable part of cricket and the way teams operate in recent years. While analysts are constantly coming up with new variables and factors to influence the phase of play, T20 is one format where teams — international and franchises — have aced the art of using various analytic tools to outsmart their opponents.

Chennai Super Kings bowling consultant and former South African cricketer Eric Simons is no different. He believes that technology can be used as a tool to coach players. One can often see Simons interacting with the players on the finer aspects of bowling, be it the run-up, loading or the release. "I think technology can be a lot more useful, there is a lot more I think we would like to develop and understand," said Simons. "My focus is a lot on the execution of the plan and measuring back from practice into matches, etc," added the former South African cricketer who has also been using a radar system to measure the speed of the ball delivered.

"We use that (technology) a little bit. I had a radar (measures the speed of ball) system last year which we are busy developing and I think that's going to help because I want to understand execution and accuracy. I think we spent too much time analysing statistics, execution for budding prospects is way more important. I think that the game of cricket can go into a lot more technology to understand it better. When you can slow things down, when you can see things carefully, when you can go back and look at actions and what people (players) do, you can use it for help. It is more accurate than the naked eye; you can actually see a fact. Technology can give you facts rather than sense," said Simmons.

"If you come to net practice and someone bowls a ball that goes past the outside edge, everyone goes 'well bowled'. But if he wants to bowl a yorker and he has the ball going past the bails, it is not a good ball. He has to execute what he wants to bowl. We use power points to show them what they did, like the beehives," added the South African pointing out how technology can be used a tool for coaching.

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—Eric Simons

That is not just all of it. There are quite a few coaches and other support staff who rely on video analysis for each and every thing. With the impact player rule in play, more and more coaches prefer video analysis, backed by data to pick the right substitution under impact player rule. Prominent data analysts who did not want to be named say that coaching mechanism of teams across all levels are data driven today.

"With the volume of cricket played world over, no one has time to watch all the matches. At the IPL auction, many of the coaches and support staff were from abroad. So we have to provide statistics with videos about the player. Upon seeing our videos, the coaches will decide whether a particular player would suit the T20 format and the slot vacant in the team. We also have to provide videos that compare a player with another one who made also in contention for the job. Sometimes we may not have a video of a particular player on the net or from our data bank. We have to go shoot a live footage of the player," said a senior video/data analyst.

"Impact player rule is a game changer. The right player must be substituted for a particular slot. Sometimes for double impact a team management would like to send a rookie whom the opposition may have no idea about. To select the rookie for that slot we have to provide data about his capabilities and his previous good knocks at the domestic level. Coaches seldom select a substitute player with gut feeling. It is all data driven," revealed another data analyst.

It is not just the team management, the players too understand the significance of the data and they analyse their videos themselves as well. "Many players in preparation for the IPL prepare on their own. They shoot their videos and compare them with ones already shot. If there is a decline or deviation from the specified norms in the form of video graphics they correct the same. As the league spreads world over, there will be no time for the coaches who handle several teams to coach, teach or guide players. It will boil down to self-analysis or should we say self-coaching," signed off an analyst.

Lucknow Super Giants players celebrate a wicket in their IPL match against Sunrisers Hyderabad at the Ekana Stadium in Lucknow on Friday. The hosts won by 5 wickets | AP

TODAY'S MATCHES

DOUBLE DELIGHT SATURDAY

1 ROYALS VS CAPITALS

Delhi Capitals, winless in two games, seek a reversal of fortune while Rajasthan Royals will look to move on from their last match...

MARSH OUT, WHO IN?

Mitchell Marsh, who lends balance to the Capitals has left the franchise for a week or so for his wedding. In his absence, who will get the nod? But this is also an opportunity to try out a different top-order as they have been very flaky up top.

BUTTLER FITNESS

Jos Buttler is a cheat code at the top but his injury, even if in the short-term, causes Royals a problem. One way to plug that gap is to open with Devdutt Padikkal. He's not a No. 5 and it showed in that game against Punjab Kings.

2 MI VS CSK

Mumbai Indians seek a better display while Chennai Super Kings, fresh from their first win, have one big concern of their own. A look...

WHAT'S EATING ROHIT

Mumbai are the IPL's winningest franchise so Rohit Sharma has escaped censure. But with the MI machine showing some concern, attention has turned towards Rohit's diminishing batting returns. He last averaged over 30 in 2016 (44.45) and last struck over 130 in 2018 (133).

RUTU'S RAJ

While Rohit continues to flounder, one of his direct rivals to a white-ball spot at the top in the shortest format continues to thrive. 2021 Orange Cap holder, Ruturaj Gaikwad has begun the season on song. Back-to-back 50s and striking at over 180 currently, can he make a big statement?

DEATH BOWLING WOES

Chennai is a side that's built to maximise home advantage. So Wankhede where the ball tends to fly and do something for the quicker bowlers, it's a negative matchup. It's even more of a worry at the death where the likes of Tushar Despande and Deepak Chahar have gone for plenty.

3.30 PM, RAJASTHAN ROYALS VS DELHI CAPITALS, GUWAHATI

7.30 PM, MUMBAI INDIANS VS CHENNAI SUPER KINGS, MUMBAI

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS AND JIOCINEMA

Ekana serves up spin friendly surface

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

WHEN the Indian Premier League returned to the home and away format this season, one of the key aspects to look forward to was how the franchises would use pitches to their advantage. The MA Chidambaram Stadium, for example, is often expected to throw up turners to assist the strength of Chennai Super Kings, while the M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru or the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai are batting friendly surfaces.

For teams like Lucknow Super Giants, it was going to be more interesting as they would be playing at home (Ekana Stadium) for the first time. While the first game turned out to be run-fest, the second was an extreme opposite. The surface for the clash against Sunrisers Hyderabad was a slow and low turner. The ball seldom bounced over the stumps, there was no pace for the batters to play their shots and often they were waiting for the ball. That 13 off the 20 overs were from spinners with seven wickets between them told the story.

Krunal Pandya, Ravi Bishnoi and Amit Mishra made the most of the surface, and bowled lines and lengths where the batters had to go out of their way to make contact with the ball. It all started with Mayank Agarwal reaching for a delivery from Pandya. It stopped after pitching, and Agarwal ended up hitting it straight to the cover fielder. From thereon, every batter who came in and went back were deceived by the pace or the lack of it, and turn. Pandya took three wickets while Mishra and Bisnoi shared two as Hyderabad managed to make just 121/8 in the 20 overs.

The pitch was behaving in such a way that it was almost similar to the Chepauk surface for the opening game of the 2019 season between CSK and RCB where the visiting team was bundled out for 70. However, it wasn't the first time the Ekana pitch has behaved in such a manner. In January, India and New Zealand played in a low-scoring T20I that saw a similar pitch on which 30 off the 40 overs where bowled by the spinners. While the skipper for that series Hardik Pandya expressed his displeasure about the pitch, LSG captain KL Rahul is likely to have no complaints whatsoever. **Brief scores:** SRH 121/8 in 20 ovs (Krunal 3/18) **lost to** LSG 127/5 in 16 ovs (Rahul 35, Krunal 34).

EXPRESS READ

BCCI Apex Council to meet on Sunday

NEW DELHI: The BCCI will set the ball rolling for the sale of the media rights for bilateral cricket at home and commence the process to appoint the head coach of Indian women's cricket team at its Apex Council meeting on Sunday. The topic of tax exemption for the ICC ODI World Cup is also likely to be discussed.

Gaurav wins 2nd PGTI title at Delhi-NCR Open

NOIDA: Noida's Gaurav Pratap Singh ended a 14-year-long wait for his second PGTI title with his playoff victory at the Delhi-NCR Open. Gaurav (35-68-70-71), playing at his home course, put up a solid final round performance of one-under 71 before prevailing in a playoff against Faridabad's Karan Pratap Singh (34-71-70-69).

World steeplechase champ suspended

MONACO: Norah Jeruto, the Kenya-born runner who won world championship gold for Kazakhstan in the 3,000-meter steeplechase last year, has been provisionally suspended on suspicion of breaking anti-doping rules, the Athletics Integrity Unit said. It means she cannot compete until the case is resolved.

Bangladesh win one-off Test against Ireland

MIRPUR: Bangladesh wrapped up its one-off Test against Ireland with a seven-wicket win just after lunch on Day 4 on Friday. The hosts scored 369 and 138-3 while Ireland made 214 and 292. Mushfiqur Rahim. who scored 126 in the first innings, sealed victory for Bangladesh with 51 not out.

WFI meetings on Apr 16, elections likely to be discussed

FIROZ MIRZA @ chennai

THE Wrestling Federation of India's (WFI) emergency general council and executive committee meetings, which were called off in January after being directed by the sports ministry, will now be held at Nandini Nagar, Gonda (Uttar Pradesh) on April 16. The meetings, which will be presided over by the WFI secretary-general VN Prasood, will be held on the sidelines of the 2023 Open National Senior Ranking Tournament and U-17 (Cadet) Boys Freestyle, Greco-Roman and Women National Championships scheduled from April 16 to 18.

Among other issues, the federation is expected to discuss pending elections during the meetings. The tenure of the present office-bearers has already got over with its embattled president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh ineligible to contest as he has served three terms. "The meetings were scheduled on January 22 but we received a communique from the government to postpone it for four weeks in the wake of the probe initiated after wrestlers made allegations against the WFI and its chief. The period was later extended by two weeks. Now the WFI has resumed its the day-to-day functioning so we are holding the meetings," Prasood told this daily.

Notably, the ranking event was also stopped midway then. By then, competitions in freestyle finished. The WFI will now hold bouts for Greco-Roman and women wrestlers, who had registered themselves for the ranking event in January.

As far as the cadet championship is concerned, the WFI in a circular to the affiliated units said, "The 2023 Under-17 [Cadet] Boys Freestyle, Greco-Roman Style and Women National Wrestling Championship is being organized by UP Wrestling Association under the aegis of Wrestling Federation of India at Nandini Nagar, Gonda [UP] from 16th to 18th April 2023. You are requested to kindly get your team to ready for participation in the said Championship. The WFI understands that it is very short notice but the WFI has no choice but to resume its activities."

The WFI has already resumed its functioning including doing correspondence with the world governing body, United World Wrestling (UWW). It is learnt that the federation has also been asked to pay expenses incurred on the probe carried out by the oversight committee appointed by the sports ministry to investigate charges against the WFI president. It has also been asked to pay for the selection trials organised by the committee to select the national team for the Asian Championships.

AUDIO CLIP DOING ROUNDS

It is understood that some top wrestlers are not happy with the sports ministry's oversight committee's report on allegations levelled against WFI president. If an audio clip doing the rounds is to be believed, a top wrestler is urging wrestlers to come together for another protest if need be.

TITLE RACE HOTS UP IN PREMIER LEAGUE

MANCHESTER CITY GO TO SOUTHAMPTON WHILE ARSENAL TRAVEL TO LIVERPOOL AS THE PREMIER LEAGUE IS IN THE HOME STRETCH. A LOOK AT A FEW GAMES...

MANCHESTER UNITED VS EVERTON

In fourth place, Manchester United need three points to put a substantial gap between themselves and the chasing pack for the final Champions League place. Everton, at the other end of the table, need something as they try to stay in the division.

5.00 PM, SATURDAY

WOLVES VS CHELSEA

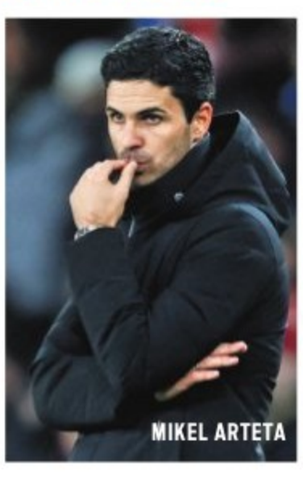
Frank Lampard will be back in the Chelsea dugout as an interim manager he tries to salvage what's left of a fairly substandard season. Wolves have put a few teams between themselves and 18th place but can ill-afford to drop the pace now.

7.30 PM, SATURDAY

SOUTHAMPTON VS MANCHESTER CITY

10.00 PM, SATURDAY

Erling Haaland, who missed the visit of Liverpool, is back in the City squad. The golden boot leader will fancy his chances of adding a few against the club that's currently propping up the division. More importantly, it's a chance to cut the gap at the top to five points.



MIKEL ARTETA

LIVERPOOL VS ARSENAL

Surprise leaders Arsenal, who have now won seven on the bounce, face a Liverpool side who are low on confidence and morale. However, they are still formidable opponents at Anfield and this will represent a big test of Arsenal's credentials.

9.00 PM, SUNDAY, STAR SPORTS NETWORKS

NEW SUPPORT STAFF FOR HOCKEY TEAMS

AGENCIES @ New Delhi

RENOWNED Australian coach Anthony Farry has been appointed as the analytical coach of the Indian women's hockey team while South African Rhett Halkett will perform the same role with the men's team, Hockey India announced on Friday. The national federation also announced other support staff members for both the teams.

Farry, under whose supervision Canada men's team qualified for the 2016 Rio Olympics and who also helped Japan women win their maiden Asuian Games gold medal in 2018, will assist head coach Janneke Schopman in his new role. Farry also helped Canada U-21 men's team qualify for two consecutive editions of the Junior World Cups and was the head coach and High Performance Director of USA women's side from August 2020 to April 2022.

Besides Farry and Halkett, Hockey India also announced Australian Alan Tan's appointment as scientific advisor to the national men's team. Both Halkett and Tan will be a part of the coaching set up of the men's team led by newly-appointed chief coach Craig Fulton of South Africa.

Rhett earned 155 international caps between 2010 and 2018 for South Africa. In 2020, he was assistant coach of the Netherlands women's side before moving to Scotland, where he coached both the senior as well as the U-21 outfits. Tan, meanwhile, comes with over 10 years of experience working as the strength and conditioning coach at the New South Wales Institute of Sport.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

(CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)
E-TENDER NOTICE No.
E148-CN-TPJ-TF-033 Dt: 04-04-2023

For and on behalf of The President of India, the Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer, General, Construction, Southern Railway, Egmore, Chennai 600008 invites e-tender for the work of Peralam - Karaikal New Line work Karaikal Thirunallaru section Electrification of station buildings, Platforms, LC gate lodges and Officers Rest House at Karaikal including power supply arrangements etc in the Karaikal Thirunallaru Section - Works Contract, with the above tender notice. **Railway cash value is Rs.**12995779.30 **Date of tender opening is** 28.04.2023 at 11:30 Hrs. All the other details of this tender are available in **www.ireps.gov.in website.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients intend to purchase Property bearing No.28, (Old No 28/1), Situated at Venkatappa Street, Chikka Mavalli, Bangalore, PID No. 61-20-28, Ward No. 143 - Mavalli, measuring East to West : 15 ft., North to South 85 ft., in all measuring 1275 Sq.ft. with Building thereon and bounded on the East : Private Property, West by : Private Property, North by : Venkatappa Street, South by: Conservancy Lane, from Nagashree N.

Persons having any claim, objections, etc; inrespect of the said sale transaction pertaining to said property may lodge the same with documentary evidence, with the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this Notice. Otherwise my client will proceed with the Transaction treating that there are no claims or objections.

(B.R. Viswanath), Advocate,
No. 14/8, 2nd Floor, Jain Temple Street, V.V. Puram,
Bangalore-560 004,
Ph:080 - 22425606/9845034560

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I AT BANGALORE
O.A. No.85/2022

Between: State Bank of India, SARB, Bangalore ...**Applicant**
And:
Smt. Rayeesa Banu ...Defendant

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993

To : Smt. Rayeesa Banu D/o. Rizwan Pasha, aged about 35 years, No. 6, Old No. 1/2 Kemp Road, Opp. Coles Park, Frazer Town, Bangalore - 560 005.
Also R/o. i) #101, 1st Floor, Raza Apartment, No. 156/1, Narayan Pillai Street, Bangalore - 560 001. ii) F-44, 1st Floor, D- Block, Pyramid Bilbery, Chokkanahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore - 560 089.
iii) Emp ID-16, Assistant Manager Admin M/s. A. V. Intergration Distribution (India) Pvt. Ltd., No. 5, CMH Road, Bangalore - 560 038.

Whereas, this Applicant has instituted an Application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against the Defendant(s) you for recovery of a sum **Rs. 35,73,384/-** (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Seventy Three Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty Four Only) together with current and future interest and other reliefs. The above mentioned Defendant(s) is/ are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorised agent, in support of his/their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **01.06.2023** at **at 10:30 a.m.** (forenoon) as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default,the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal this the **17th day of March 2023.**

By Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal - I

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

PALGHAT DIVISION
E-Tender Notice No. PGT/OT/09/2023 dated 04.04.2023

For and on behalf of the President of India, The Sr. Divisional Engineer/Co-ordination/Southern Railway/ Palakkad invites E-TENDERS for the following works.

Sl. No	Name of work and details
1.	Redevelopment of Vadakara Railway Station of Palakkad Division under Amrit Bharat Scheme. Approximate Cash value (in lakhs) - 1605.96, Bid Security Amount Rs. 9,53,000/- Completion Period in Months- Eight.
2.	Redevelopment of Mahe Railway Station of Palakkad Division under Amrit Bharat Scheme. Approximate Cash value (in lakhs)-681.32, Bid Security Amount Rs. 4,90,700/-, Completion Period in Months- Eight.
3.	Palakkad Division- Provision of drainage improvement works such as roofing, grouting, sump and pumping provisions on Subways in lieu of LC No.227 (at km 731/00-100),263 (at km 790/6-7),284 (at Km 851/4-5) & 286 (at Km 853/9-854/0). Approximate Cash value (in lakhs) 61.04, Bid Security Amount Rs. 1,22,100/- Completion Period in Months- Four.
4.	Mangalore Central-Provision of Sickline facilities in the Old Loco trip shed. Approximate Cash value (in lakhs) 217.55, Bid Security Amount Rs. 2,58,800/- Completion Period in Months- Nine.
5.	Divisional Engineer/West jurisdiction:- Proposed Overhauling and maintenance of Lifting Barrier gates for a period of 2 years -74 nos of LCs. Approximate Cash value (in lakhs)-396.09, Bid Security Amount Rs.3,48,100 /- Completion Period in Months- Twenty Four.

Sl. No. 1& 2: Tender closing date on 26.04.2023 at 15hrs.
Sl.No. 3, 4 & 5: Tender closing date on 05.05.2023 at 15hrs

1. All the contracts on Works/goods/services will be subject to the new GST Act as applicable from time to time.
2. Contractors/Suppliers have to register themselves with GST authorities and to furnish the GST registration number in order to process the bills from 01.7.2017 onwards.

For complete details of the above tenders please visit Web site **"http://www.ireps.gov.in."**.
Note: It is the responsibility of the Tenderer to check any corrigendum issued for any correction or modifications uploaded subsequently in website; the same shall be taken in to account while submitting Tender.

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RAIL COACH FACTORY KAPURTHALA

On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Description	PL No./ Item Code	Qty. (Nos/Sets)	EMD (Rs.)
1.	17231057 04.05.2023	AIR INLET DUCT FOR LHB AC3T		360 Nos	Rs. 11,69,090/-
2.	17231070 02.05.2023	ENDWALL DOOR COMPLETE		1038 Nos.	Rs. 1310070/-
3.	13235110 01.05.2023	IGBT Based Static Voltage Stabilizer Rating: 200KVA including Supply,Installation and Commissioning at Rail Coach Factory Kapurthala Punjab as per Specifications No. 2505/ELN/I/ SVS. **(warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery	65792449001 8	04 Nos	Rs. 61790/-
4.	12231026 27.04.2023	NON AC AREA CEILING ARRGT. FOR LHB AC 3-TIER COACHES		357 Numbers	Rs. 671160/-
5.	17231066 05.05.2023	SET ITEMS FOR FRP TROUGH FOR LHB AC COACHES		739 Set	Rs. 61,390/-
6.	04231044 04.05.2023	STEEL SHEET (02 TYPES)		35,180 Kgs.	Rs. 68390/-
7.	02231011 03.05.2023	CCTV SURVEILLANCE SYESTEM WITH NETWORKING SYSTEM FOR 3- PHASE MEMU COACHES		24 Set	Rs. 2,63,900.00/-

CORRIGENDUM

TENDER No: 02221241A Closed circuit Television (CCTV) Surveillance system for Indian Railway Coaches; **DUE DATE:** To be read as 17.04.2023 Instead of 06.04.2023; Note: Eligibility Criteria against this tender has revised, Kindly visit IREPS (Tender Site).

1.For details and making On-line Tender, visit Website **http://ireps.gov.in.** Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF **Website http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in** Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at **http://www.cce.gov.in** 2.Tenders will close at 14.25 HRS. on due date and tender will be opened at 14.30 HRS **S.No.1 to 5** Tenders will opened at RCF Kapurthala & **S.No.6 to 7** tender Will opened at Tilak bridge, New Delhi 3.For querries, contact IREPS Helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23370897 **PCMM**

T. NO. G-RCF/122/Stores/004/2023-24 **Dated: 07.04.2023**

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office: No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612001. **E-Mail id:** crmd@cityunionbank.in,
Phone: 0435-2432322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746

TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.2,38,40,260/- (Rupees Two Crore Thirty Eight Lakh Forty Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty only)** as on **28-03-2023** together with further interest to be charged from **29-03-2023** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. Rajdeep Tissues, No.138/12A, 4th Cross, Pantharpalaya, Nayandanahalli, Mysore Road, Bangalore - 560039. No.2) Mrs. Asha Kothari, W/o. Vijay Kumar Kothari, No.87, 1st Main Road, Marappa Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore - 560098. No.3) Mr. Vijay Kumar Kothari, S/o. Mangal Chand Kothari, No.87, 1st Main Road, Marappa Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore - 560098. No.4) Mr. Subhash Kothari, S/o. MC Kothari, No.115/FF 201, BHEL 2nd Stage, Pattanagere, RR Nagar, Bangalore - 560098. Also at, Mr. Subhash Kothari, S/o. MC Kothari, 19, 3rd Cross, Aagman Layout, Aligappa, Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560040.**

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - B : (Property Owned by M/s. Rajdeep Tissues)

All that piece and parcel of the Southern Half Portion Old No.138/12, New No,138/12-A, Khatha No.170 Situated at Nayandahalli Village, Kengeri ,Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk measuring : East to West 101 feet 9 inches and North to South 25 feet 0 inches. It in having an Area 2543.75 Sq.Ft together with RCC Roofed building & provided with amenities of 20 HP Power Electricity Sanitary line etc. and bounded on the : East by : Road, West by : Storm Water Drain, North by : Northern Half Portion belonging to S.L.Bhagavathi Prasad, South by : Site No.11.

Reserve Price : Rs.1,26,00,000/-
(Rupees One Crore Twenty Six Lakh only)

AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
16-05-2023	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru - J.P. Nagar Branch,** 253, 16th Cross, 5th Phase 24th Main, J.P. Nagar, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Rural - 560078. Telephone No.080-26581910, Cell No. 7483060907.

Terms and Conditions of Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru J.P. Nagar Branch, 253, 16th Cross, 5th Phase 24th Main, J.P. Nagar, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Rural - 560078. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-26581910, Cell No. 7483060907. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 06-04-2023 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612001, **CIN** - L65110TN1904PLC001287,
Telephone No.0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

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Udaya Souharda Credit Co-Operative Society Ltd.
Regd. Off : "Udaya ahakara Bhavana", # 29/11, 1st Main, Mount Joy Road, Hanumanthanagar, Bengaluru-19.

POSSESSION NOTICE Appendix IV [Rule 8(1)

APPENDIX IV [RULE 8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY MORTGAGED TO UDAYA SOUHARDA CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD. ML. NO. 01107538.

For immovable property mortagage to **Udaya Souharda Credit Co-Operative Ltd.,** Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Udaya Souharda Credit Co-operative Society Ltd, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated **16.01.2023** calling upon the borrower mentioned herein below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under **Sub Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8** of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **03rd day of April of the year 2023.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **UDAYA SOUHARDA CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD,** for an amount mentioned below and interest thereon.

You are further requested to note that as per Section 13(13) of The **Sarfaesi Act, 2002,** you are Restrained/Prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the Secured Asset, without prior written consent of **UDAYA SOUHARDA CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD.,** The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DETAILS OF THE LOAN ACCOUNT : Name of the Borrower : Sri. V. A. MURTHY Alias V. ACHUTHAMURTHY S/o. Venkataramamurthy (M.No.235851). Date of Demand Notice Under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002, **16.01.2023.**

Amount in Demand Notice : Rs. 1,54,44,873/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Four Lakh Forty Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Three Only)

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : (Details of mortgaged properties of the Borrower) SCHEDULE ROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Old No. 80/4, and New Sy. No. 80/5, Situated at Bidaraguppe Village, Attebele Taluk, Bangalore Urban Dist, all measuring 0-11.08 (Eleven and Half) Guntas, duly converted to Residential purpose vide DC orders bearing No. ALN(A)(A)SR:90/2017-18, Dated 22.01.2018 and **bounded on : East by :** B. S. Balaji Property, **West by :** Government Road, **North by :** G. Muniswamy S/o. Gullappa's Property, **South by :** K. Venkateshamurthy's Property.

Date: 03.04.2023 **Sd/-Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Udaya Souharda Credit Co-Operative Society Ltd.**

Udaya Souharda Credit Co-Operative Society Ltd.
Regd. Off : "Udaya ahakara Bhavana", # 29/11, 1st Main, Mount Joy Road, Hanumanthanagar, Bengaluru-19.

POSSESSION NOTICE Appendix IV [Rule 8(1)

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For immovable property mortagage to **Udaya Souharda Credit Co-Operative Ltd.,** Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Udaya Souharda Credit Co-operative Society Ltd, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated **27.01.2023** calling upon the borrower mentioned herein below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under **Sub Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8** of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **03rd day of April of the year 2023.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **UDAYA SOUHARDA CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD,** for an amount mentioned below and interest thereon.

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DETAILS OF THE LOAN ACCOUNT : Name of the Borrower : Sri. Chandrashekar.l S/o. Late Lakshmaiah (M No. 234004), Date of Demand Notice Under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002, **27.01.2023.**

Amount in Demand Notice : Rs. 34,90,311/- (Rupees Thirty Four Lakh Forty Ninty Thousand Three Hundred and Eleven Only)

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : All that part and parcel of residential property belongs to Bangalore city Municipal No.27/2-85 and Rectify No. 27/2-86, Presently BBMP Word No. 53, bearing site No. 86/970 (Western Half Portion), Situated at 10th Main, Raghavendra block, Measuring East to West : 15 Feet and North to South : 60 Feet, in all 900 Sq Feet and **bounded on the : East By :** Remaining portion of the Eastern Half Portion of the Property, **West By :** Government Land, **North By :** 30 Feet Road, **South By :** Site No. 83.

Date : 03.04.2023 **Sd/-Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Udaya Souharda Credit Co-Operative Society Ltd.**

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in,
Ph : 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.1,56,98,360/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Six Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty only)** as on **04-04-2023** together with further interest to be charged from **05-04-2023** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. HKGN Silk Traders, 15/3/17, Mothi Nagar, Ramanagara - 562159. No.2) Mr. Afsar Ali Baig, S/o. Nazeer Ali Baig, No.2914, 16th Ward, Mothi Nagar Mohalla, Ramanagara - 562159. No.3) Mrs. Ayesha Begum, W/o. Afsar Ali Baig, No.2914, 16th Ward, Mothi Nagar Mohalla, Ramanagara - 562159.**

Note : 1) That our **198-Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR : 501812080078759) dated **29-03-2021** requested by No.1 of you represented by No. 2 of you as Proprietor for which Nos. 2 and 3 of you stood as Co-obligants for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 28,50,000/-** at a ROI of **13.50%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **02-04-2021** and the outstanding balance as on **04-04-2023** is **Rs. 38,38,371/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **05-04-2023** till the date of realization.

2) That our **198-Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (FITL - ADHOC : 501912090015753) dated **31-08-2020** requested by No.1 of you represented by No. 2 of you as Proprietor for which Nos. 2 and 3 of you stood as Co-obligants for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 5,85,000/-** at a ROI of **11.5%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **02-04-2021** and the outstanding balance as on **04-04-2023** is **Rs. 7,90,407/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **05-04-2023** till the date of realization.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
(Properties Owned by Mr. Afsar Ali Baig, S/o. Nazeer Ali Baig)

All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing Municipal Khatha No.186/173/2914, East to West 60 feet, North to South 14 feet, totally measuring 840.00 Sq.feet situated at Ward No.16, Mothi Nagar Mohalla, Ramanagara. Bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Mothi Nagar Main Road, North by : Property of Firoz Pasha, South by : Property of Applicant Afsar Ali Baig and Shakhila Jaan.

All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing Municipal Khatha No.172/2913, East to West 30 feet, North to South 12 feet, Totally measuring 360 Sq.Ft. of land situated at Ward No.16, Mothi Nagar Mohalla, Ramanagara. Bounded on the : East by : Remaining property of Shakira Jaan and Peer Baig in same, West by : Municipal Road, North by : Property of Nazeer Ali Baig, South by : Conservancy.

Reserve Price : Rs.70,00,000/-
(Rupees Seventy Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
26-04-2023	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch,** B.M.Road, 316, I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bangalore-Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bangalore Rural - 571511. Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell No.9379511195.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

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Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 06-04-2023 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287,
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CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office: No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id:** crmd@cityunionbank.in,
Phone: 0435-2432322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.58,43,467/- (Rupees Fifty Eight Lakh Forty Three Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Seven only)** as on **26-10-2022** together with further interest to be charged from **27-10-2022** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. Sree Anjana Enterprises, No.124, 1st Floor, 1st Cross, JNC Road, KHB Colony, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560095. Also at, M/s. Sree Anjana Enterprises, 4th Cross, No.82, Ground Floor, 7th Block, Bangalore Urban, Bangalore - 560095. No.2) Mrs. S. Gayathri, W/o. S.M. Krishna, No.142, 3rd Corss, 6th Block, 18th Main, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560034. Also at, Mrs. S. Gayathri, W/o. S.M. Krishna, No.413, Ground Floor, 1st Cross, 7th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560095. No.3) Mr. S.M. Krishna, S/o. Anjaiah Setty, No.142, 3rd Cross, 6th Block, 18th Main, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560034. Also at, Mr. S.M. Krishna, S/o. Anjaiah Setty, No.413, Ground Floor, 1st Cross, 7th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560095.**

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property Owned by Mr. S.M. Krishna, S/o. Anjaiah Setty)

All that piece and parcel of the site bearing K. No. 323/24, Situated at Hulimangla Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Measuring East to West on the Northern Side 43 Feet and on the Southern Side 61 Feet and North to South 40 Feet. Total 2,080 Sq.Ft. and bounded on the : East by : Road, West by : The Property No.25, North by : The Property No.23, South by : Road.

Reserve Price : Rs.55,00,000/-
(Rupees Fifty Five Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
25-04-2023	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Koramangala Branch,** 92, Z Square, Ground Floor, Jyothi Nivas College Road, Industrial Layout, 5th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560034. Telephone No.080-25630439, Cell No.9342874657

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

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Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 06-04-2023 **Authorised Officer**

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Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A: (Property Owned by Mr. Mohammed Musadiq Pasha, S/o. Mr. Mohammed Mujamil Pasha)

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property Bearing Khatha No.309/55/115/21, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 30 feet. Totally measuring 1,500 Sq.ft., Situated at Ward No.22, Kothipura, Ramanagara. Alongwith Superstructure putup thereon. Bounded on:- East by - 15 feet Road, West by - Property of Patel Venkatappa, North by - Site No.19, South by - Site No.23.

Reserve Price : Rs.36,00,000/-
(Rupees Thirty Six Lakh only)

Schedule - B : (Property Owned by Mr. Mohammed Musadiq Pasha, S/o. Mr. Mohammed Mujamil Pasha)

All that piece and parcel of Property Bearing Khatha No.311/57/117/23, PID No.22-4-532-479, measuring East to West 15.240030 meters or 50 feet and North to South 9.144018 Meters or 30 feet Situated at Ward No.22, Kothipura 1st Stage, Ramanagara Town, Ramanagara District. Bounded on:- East by - Road, West by - Property of Patel Venkatappa, North by - Site No.21, South by - Site No.25.

Reserve Price : Rs.16,00,000/-
(Rupees Sixteen Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
26-04-2023	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch,** B.M.Road, 316, I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bengaluru-Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural - 571511. Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell No.9379511195.

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Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mr. Syed Nizamuddin Bokari, S/o. Late M.B. Yusuf Miyya)

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Municipal Khata No. 849/728, PID No. 25 - 1 - 503 - 118A. Measuring : East to West (26 Feet) and North to South (30 Feet) Situated at Ward No. 24, Nizami Chowk Cross, Channapatna Town, Ramanagara District. Bounded on : East by : House of Roshan Miyya Saheb, West by : 8 x 30 feet Common Passage, North by : House of Syed Isa, South by : Property of Syed Jalal.

Reserve Price : Rs.16,00,000/-
(Rupees Sixteen Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

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RFx EXTENSION NOTICE

RFx No.	Name of Work (Short Description)	Estimated Cost (in Rs.)	EMD (in Rs.)	Date of Downloading (Online)	Date of Submission of RFx Documents (Online)	Date of Opening of RFx (If Possible)	Tender Fee Incl. GST (in Rs.)
7000026472	Overall project management, engineering, manufacture, factory testing, supply of all Items, transportation, delivery to the sites, unloading, storing, handling and moving into final position installation, testing, commissioning and placing, into successful operation of the Malegaon Electrode Station (400 m X 400 m) of Padghe end for ±500kV HVDC Chandrapur Padghe HVDC Bipole link	58,82,83,000/- (Including taxes)	58,82,830/-	07.04.2023 from 10:00 Hrs.	07.04.2023 to 13.04.2023 up to 10:00 Hrs.	13.04.2023 at 11:00 Hrs.	29,500/-

For further details, visit our website **https://srmetender.mahatransco.in**
Contact Person: The Superintending Engineer, 500kV RS (O&M) Circle, Padgha, Dist Thane, Maharashtra-421101.
e-mail ID: **se7300@mahatransco.in** Mob No. 9619985377

1. Relevant portions of the RFx which the tenderers have to fill online would be available on aforesaid website.
2. RFx Fee & EMD should be paid before **13.04.2023 up to 10:00 Hrs** for **RFx No. 7000026472** online only and Scan copy of Transaction ID received after online payment should be submitted alongwith Technical Bid.
3. RFx documents can be downloaded online from aforesaid website.
4. Eligible contractor agencies should submit their bid well in advance instead of waiting till last date. MSETCLwill not be responsible for non-submission of Bid due to any website related problems.
5. In case of non-submission of RFx Fee & EMD, the bidders will be disqualified.
6. All the bidders are requested to refer MSETCL web portal from time to time for the amendments/extensions etc. related to this tender.

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer
HVDC RS (O&M) Circle, Padghe

STATE BANK OF INDIA

VIJAYAPURA BRANCH (11286) VIJAYAPURA, BANGALORE RURAL DIST - 562135
EMAIL: sbi.11286@sbi.co.in,

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREIN AFTER CALLED THE 'ACT')

At the request, The Borrower, has granted by **State Bank of India through its Vijayapura Branch (11286) Vijayapura** has extended credit facility by way of financial assistance against house property creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The Relevant particulars of the said Credit facilities and the security agreement(s) /document(s) executed by borrower are stated in Schedule "A" and Schedule "B" respectively to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its Branch as under. The relevant particulars of the property on which you have created security interest by execution of security agreement / documents & creation of mortgage by way of deposit of the title deeds are also furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/credit facilities have become irregular the debt has been classified **as Non Performing Asset dated 04.07.2022** in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. **As the demand notice dated : 06.03.2023** as mentioned below sent by register AD calling upon you, was unserved/ not acknowledged, this notice is now issued to the borrower by the paper publication through Newspapers as per the provisions of the said Act.

A/c No. 64199851221 / DRS
1). Name & Address of the Borrower :To, Sri. Manjunatha M, S/o Munishamappa, #190, Baluvanahalli Village, Venkatapura Post, Jangamanakote Hobli, Sidlaghatta Taluk, Chikkaballapura District - 562102.
Liability : Rupees.14,29,874/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Four Only) inclusive of interest, as on 03-03-2023.
NPA Date : 04.07.2022 **Demand Notice Date : 06.03.2023**
Description of the mortgaged Immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Katha No.206/A, Measuring East - West 19.144 & North to South 6.096 (30 x 20) Totally 600 Sqft, Situated at Baluvanahalli Village, Venkatapura Post, Jangamanakote Hobli, Sidlaghatte Taluk, Chikkaballapura District, **Property in the name of Sri. Manjunatha** and bounded on :- **East by :** House of Lakshmamma, **West by :** Property of Venkatashamappa, **North by :** Property of Muniramappa, **South by :** 10 feet Road.

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. The Borrower are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13. you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of the Bank and is empowered to issued this notice and exercise powers under Section 13 of the aforesaid Act.

Date: 07.04.2023 **Sd/- Chief Manager/Authorised Officer,**
Place: Vijayapura **State Bank of India, Vijayapura Branch.**

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DAY'S DIARY

STS-56 launched

On this day in 1993, NASA launched the Space Shuttle Discovery for STS-56. It had Atmospheric Laboratory for Applications and Science-2

ATMOSPHERIC DATA

Lifting off at 1.29 am EDT, Discovery created an artificial sunrise across KSC. The STS-56 gathered atmospheric data over 94 per cent of the Home Planet

MEET THE CREW

STS-56 spent nine days in orbit and the crew included the Red Team's Cockrell and Foale and Blue Team counterparts Cameron, Oswald and Ochoa

NATIONAL TREASURE

Discovery has earned a place of honour in the collection of national treasures preserved by the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum

Find out what's happening over the weekend

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Avin Thaliath (@chef_avin), pastry chef and the director of Lavonne Academy of Baking Science And Pastry Arts, dishes out a food-related quiz in this weekly series. Be a real 'whisk' taker and let us know if you have what it bakes. Who knows, your dreams may crumb true.

GRUB HUB

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'** The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Monday. The first prize winner this week will win a discount voucher worth ₹1,500 from Malgudi Mylari Mane**

1. Which is the popular dessert from Mizoram made with sticky rice, coconut mylk, and jaggery?
2. What is the name of the dessert from Arunachal Pradesh made with rice flour and stuffed with a mixture of grated coconut, jaggery, and sesame seeds?
3. Which is the traditional sweet from Tripura made with rice flour and coconut, and served with coconut syrup?

SPRING SOIREE

With Easter Sunday right around the corner, long-time foreign residents of the city share with *CE* how they are celebrating the festival by adopting local customs and bringing in elements of their own cultures

Bea Renninger

Elizabeth Bowden-David

Aurelie Lalande

DESE GOWDA

As the spring season blossoms, blanketing the city with the pink hues of pau d'arco trees, Christians are preparing for one of the most significant events of the year – Easter Sunday. A celebration of Christ's resurrection, the festival represents a fresh start. But it's not just Bengalureans who are looking forward to Easter Sunday, but a diverse community of foreign residents who have come to call Bengaluru their home over the years.

Elizabeth Bowden-David grew up in the United States and has always associated the festival with a sunrise outdoor church service. Having lived in Bengaluru for nearly two decades now, she is planning a special outdoor celebration. "Growing up, I came to associate the holiday with very early mornings. This year, I am doing something special by going on an early morning bird-watching tour in Lalbagh. Easter has a strong association with springtime flowers and birds, so this seems a fitting way to celebrate," she says, adding that she finds a connection between Easter and the Hindu spring festival Ugadi, given certain similarities between the two. "They occur around the same time and both are about new beginnings. So with Ugadi, the pink flowered trees, and Easter, I think of it all as a season of fresh starts. I also put lilies in vases in my home, as they symbolise the holiday and have a beautiful aroma," she adds.

Easter traditions vary across the globe, but among the most popular traditions is the hunt for Easter eggs. Symbolising fertility and new life, the eggs are colourfully decorated and are filled with sweets – most often with chocolate. Bea Renninger, a German protestant who has called Bengaluru her home for the last seven years is fond of the tradition. "Just like Christmas, Easter is very important for me. My brother is coming from Germany and we're planning a small get-together, with brunch and Easter egg hunts," she shares.

After moving to the city, Renninger has had to make a few changes to the way she celebrates the festival. Not attending church service is one of them. "Our church is quite far from my home, so, unfortunately, we've started to skip service on Easter. The dyes we use to decorate the eggs are also not easily available here, we source them from back home. Easter is also not very big here. Back in Germany, we have holidays on both Good Friday and Easter Monday, but not here. Apart from that, the way we celebrate the festival hasn't changed much," she adds.

Similarly, chef Aurelie Lalande, who runs a traditional French desserts and quiches boutique in the city shares that some of the traditional Easter foods are hard to find in Bengaluru. "Back in France, chocolate is quite big during Easter. From eggs to figurines, everything is made with chocolate. However, chocolate figurines are hard to come by in Bengaluru," she says.

HOLY FRIDAY

On Good Friday, preceding Easter Sunday, Bengalureans attended prayer ceremonies and lit candles at St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral on St John's Church Road

| SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

CITY READ

HUID system to be adopted by jewellers

The Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs announced that the sale of gold ornaments without a HUID (hallmark unique identification) number will not be allowed from April 1, '23. As part of the reform, each ornament will have three features marked on it: a BIS logo, a gold-carat level to denote purity and a six-digit code. The HUID reform will bring transparency. Customers can get the hallmarking date, name of the hallmarking centre, and whereabouts of the jewellery with the help of an app, BIS Care. BIS hallmarking has been in practice for the last 23 years and in June '21, the centre launched the HUID system. 21 months have been given to jewellers to implement the new reform.

Arts and crafts mela in the city

Bangalore Arts and Craft Mela has been organised at White Housse Convention Centre, HSR Layout. The mela is a 10-day exhibition that will conclude on April 9. The mela has taken precautionary measures against the spread of Covid-19. Bangalore Arts and Craft Mela is open from 11 am to 7 pm. It has over 75+ stalls which include items like home décor, handloom sarees, jewellery, toys, and artworks, which will be displayed by artisans from all over the country.

Ramaiah Medical College celebrates 39th Graduation Day

Ramaiah Medical College celebrated its 39th Graduation Day recently where 335 graduates received medical degree certificates, and 31 graduates were awarded medals. The chief guest was Padmashri Dr Balram Bhargava. Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah, Supreme Court judge was the guest of honour. Dr Bhargava emphasised the critical role of young minds in shaping the future. Dr M R Jayaram, chairman, Gokula Education Foundation and chancellor, RUAS, M R Sampangairamaiah, Dr Venkatesh G S, registrar, RUAS, Dr Shalini C Nooyi, principal and dean, and other faculty members were present.

XPRESS FOCUS

m.i.l.a.p by MAHE Celebrates Literary, Performance & Visual Arts

Manipal International Literature and Arts Platform (m.i.l.a.p.), an annual festival inspired by the long-standing efforts of Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) towards appreciation of literature and culture, was organised on April 6, going on till April 8.

m.i.l.a.p. provides a vibrant and non-commercial space for writers, artists, literary critics, and students to connect with each other and begin a dialogue. The festival celebrates literary, performance and visual arts. It is open to the local community, readers, and art enthusiasts worldwide.

"The historical process of the formation of nations –the nation as a political institution—has been very different from the historical process of the formation of the city as a sociological institution," said Prof. Ganesh N Devy, while inaugurating the three-day annual literary festival.

"The nation is an expression of the human race to bring many under a single and well-defined space. The city, on the other hand, is the expression of the desire to bring one into many chronological orders" he added delivering the keynote address for the theme – In Conversation with Bengaluru: Spaces, Intersections, Transitions, and Imaginaries" (SITI) on the occasion.

Prof. Ganesh. N Devy, a renowned literary critic, scholar, and recipient of Padma Shri Award, shed light on the perceived idea of the city and accommodating multiplicity of identities. He further spoke about how the idea of a "city" is older than and outlasts the idea of a "nation".

Prof. Madhu Veeraraghavan, Pro Vice Chancellor of Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Bengaluru campus, in his Presidential address, remarked that Universities like Cities can grow only by accommodation of diversities and ideas. Universities stand the test of time only if it allows for multitude of voices heard, he added.

During the inauguration, two books published by Manipal University Press (MUP) were released — *Momo* by Micheal Ende, translated by Jayashree Kasaravalli and *Malekaadina Kathegalu - Stories of the Rainforest* by Malvika Tewari.

Post the inaugural ceremony, various venues heralded the start of m.i.l.a.p with masterclasses, panel discussions, film screenings and workshops.

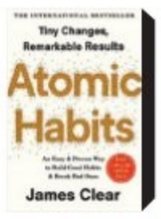
Sharachchandra Lele brought the idea of climate change and cities closer, and spoke vibrantly of the contribution a city dweller makes to the changing landscapes of climate.

In the panel discussion, 'Fidelity and Freedom', the panelists spoke about the politics of language and translation.

Meanwhile, Prithvi Konanur, the acclaimed director of *Pinkeeli* screened his 2022 movie *Hadinelentu* which was followed by an interactive masterclass.

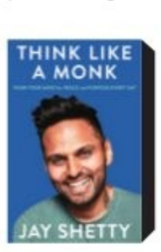
The first day of m.i.l.a.p. concluded with the performance of *Desdemona Roopakam* by Nalanda Arts Studio.

BOOK NOOK



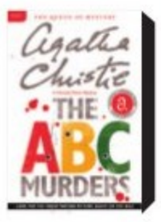
Atomic Habits
by James Clear

Atomic Habits is the go-to manual for changing poor habits and forming good ones in four simple steps. It demonstrates how little, incremental daily routines add up to significant, positive change over time.



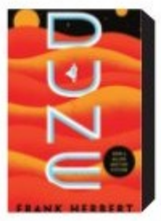
Think Like a Monk: Train Your Mind for Peace and Purpose Every Day
by Jay Shetty

Combining ancient wisdom and his own rich experiences in the ashram, *Think Like a Monk* reveals how to overcome negative thoughts and habits, and access the calm and purpose that lie within all of us.



The A.B.C Murders
by Agatha Christie

The A.B.C. Murders is a work of detective fiction by British writer Agatha Christie, featuring her characters Hercule Poirot, Arthur Hastings and Chief Inspector Japp, as they battle with a succession of deaths by a mysterious murderer known only as "A.B.C."



Dune
by Frank Herbert

While the planet is an inhospitable and sparsely populated desert wasteland, planet Arrakis is the only source of melange, or "spice", a drug that extends life and enhances mental abilities.

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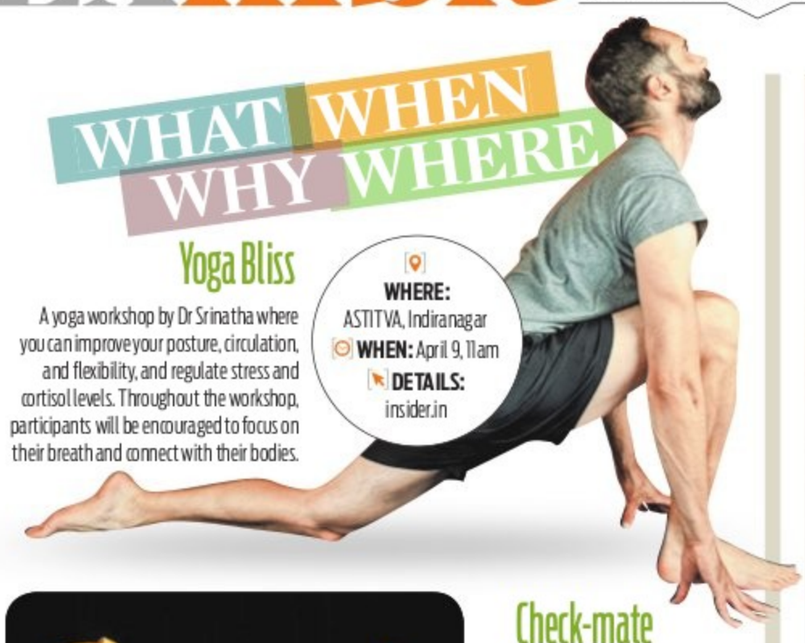

Yoga Bliss

A yoga workshop by Dr Srinatha where you can improve your posture, circulation, and flexibility, and regulate stress and cortisol levels. Throughout the workshop, participants will be encouraged to focus on their breath and connect with their bodies.

WHERE: ASTITVA, Indiranagar **WHEN:** April 9, 11am **DETAILS:** insider.in

Mute Gestures

Kalakriti by Ekalavya Performing Arts is an entertaining collage of mimes and drama. The event will feature guest performances by renowned mime artiste Suvendu Mukhopadhyay.

WHERE: Alliance Française de Bangalore, Vasanth Nagar **WHEN:** April 9, 4pm **DETAILS:** allevents.in

Spring Festival

Assam Society Of Bangalore is organising its 22nd Spring Festival. The centre stage of the cultural evening will be occupied by Zubeen Garg.

WHERE: Freedom International School Ground, HSR Layout **WHEN:** April 9, 3.30pm **DETAILS:** allevents.in

Get Creative

A resin art workshop where you get to learn about resin materials, how to use them, different surfaces to work on, different techniques to blend pigments, and much more. **WHERE:** Bloom & Grow, Koramangala **WHEN:** April 9, 11am **DETAILS:** bloomandgrow.in

Cultural learning

'Veda Patha' is a 25-day summer camp for everyone between the ages of 8 and 75 that focuses on the cultural values of Sanatana Dharma. Teachings of Rigveda, Yajurveda Mantras, Shlokas, Ashtakas, and Suktas will be taught as a part of primary subjects.

WHERE: Sri Jairam Seva Manadali, Jayanagar **WHEN:** April 10, 11am **DETAILS:** 7019638813

Check-mate

'Chess Connect' by Bangalore Chess Club is an opportunity to meet new people and play chess offline. Open to people from all ages and rating categories.

WHERE: Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar **WHEN:** April 9, 10am **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Bharatanatyam performance

An evening of Bharatanatyam performance where the students of Raadha Kalpa will present a collection of pieces on Krishna.

WHERE: ISKCON, Rajajinagar **WHEN:** April 9, 6.45pm **DETAILS:** dancerukmini.com

ETERNAL AESTHETICS

Visitors explore artworks by late artist Rumale Chennabasaviah showcased at the Indian Institute of World Culture, Basavanagudi | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

QUICK FIX

IFTAR SHARBATH LEMON JUICE

INGREDIENTS

- **Water:** as required
- **Soaked chia seeds:** 1 tbsp
- **Sugar/sugar syrup:** as required
- **Small banana:** 1

METHOD

- Take the ripened, peeled banana and smash it well inside a glass using a spoon.
- Squeeze lemon juice in it by adding water, chia seeds and sugar syrup then stir well.
- Add ice cubes if needed before serving.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

TADASANA PAWANMUKTASANA
(STANDING WIND RELEASE POSE ARMS RAISED)

It's a standing beginners' pose that enhances the balancing capacity. It gives a deep stretch to the arms, sides of the torso and the armpits. The balancing and strengthening effect of this pose gives confidence and increases focus.

STEPS

- Stand in Tadasana and take a couple of breaths, spine erect, relax shoulders, chin parallel to the ground. Keep legs straight and arms side of the body.
- Breathe deep and stay connected to your body. Ground all four corners of the left foot.
- Inhale and lift the right foot. Bend it and hold it close to the abdomen and chest. Lock it with the palms.
- Keep breathing naturally, steadily.
- Slowly raise your arms up, the hands touching the ears and elbows straight.
- Stretch your upper body and lengthen the spine, keep the arms parallel to each other and look up. There is a light neck bend.
- Put the right foot down, grounding yourself again in Tadasana for a couple of breaths and bring your arms down.
- Inhale and lift your left leg and repeat the steps.
- Remain in the pose for about 3-4 breaths, initially.
- Release and return to Tadasana.
- Relax and repeat this practice, if required, this time trying to hold longer.
- Senior citizens, beginners and people with lack of body-breath connections can do it near a wall for support.

BENEFITS

- Stretches arms, armpits, shoulders and muscles of side back and abdomen.
- Strengthens the calf muscles, knees, glutes and legs.
- Tones hips and outer thighs; lengthens the spine. Enhances the upper body flexibility.
- Improves functioning of the lungs.
- Enhances the cardiopulmonary system functioning.
- Effective for the lungs and heart.
- Helps move smoothly into Virabhadrasana III (Warrior Pose III).
- Removes stress and relaxes the mind.
- Good for postnatal treatment and all digestion-related diseases.
- Tackles diseases associated with Vata dosha. Balances Third Eye, Ajna, Sacral and Root chakras.
- Stimulates the digestive organs and reproductive system.
- Increases metabolism and benefits the circulation to the endocrine glands.
- Flushes out toxins.

LIMITATIONS

People with knee, ankles or shoulders injuries, weak legs, ankles or shoulders, hernia, vertigo issues, high BP or migraine, undergone hips and spine surgeries, senior citizens and pregnant women should avoid this.

By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

THAPPAD (Hindi)

Amrita, a young woman, and her husband Vikram have a happy existence together. But their joy is short-lived as he slaps her at a work party, prompting her to petition for divorce.

Cast: Taapsee Pannu, Pavail Gulati, Dia Mirza

Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

KUTTEY (Hindi)

Three wayward gangs accidentally meet paths while on the hunt one rainy night in the suburbs of Mumbai, and it's every man for himself.

Cast: Arjun Kapoor, Kumud Mishra, Tabu

Watch on: Netflix

VEERAMAE VAAGAI SOODUM (Tamil)

The goal of a young man is to become a police officer like his father. But, he takes matters into his own hands to find the murderers when his sister is killed.

Cast: Vishal, Dimple Hayathi, Raveena Ravi

Watch on: ZEE5

VARATHAN (Malayalam)

Aby and his wife Priya relocate to the latter's family estate in Kerala after Aby loses his job. Yet, when they face a fresh set of difficulties, the couple's situation continues to deteriorate.

Cast: Fahadh Faasil, Aishwarya Lekshmi

Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

SPYDER (Telugu)

An intelligence officer named Shiva creates phone software that enables him to locate people who require assistance. When he learns that a serial killer is on the loose, he sets out to safeguard the citizens of Hyderabad.

Cast: Mahesh Babu, Rakul Preet

Watch on: Netflix

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

DIA (Kannada)

Dia waits three years before telling Rohith she loves him, but after a tragic tragedy, she learns he won't make it. She learns that Rohith is still alive later on when she starts meeting Adi.

Cast: Kushi, Pruthvi Ambaar

Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

PIKU (Hindi)

Despite their different views and arguments over insignificant concerns, Piku, an architect, and her ageing but negative father Bhaskor Banerjee become closer as a result of their road trip to Kolkata.

Cast: Deepika Padukone, Amitabh Bachchan, Irrfan Khan

Watch on: Sony Liv

FOREIGN

TRAIN TO BUSAN (Korean)

On the latter's birthday, Seok-woo is travelling to Busan with his daughter to visit his wife. When they become stuck in South Korea's zombie outbreak, the trip becomes a nightmare.

Cast: Gong Yoo, Ma Dong-seok, Jung Yu-mi

Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

GHOST DOCTOR (Korean, series)

A brilliant surgeon goes into a coma and is given a first-year resident who is the complete antithesis of him both professionally and personally.

Cast: Kim Bum, Ji Hoon Jung, Uee

Watch on: Netflix

WITH LOVE (English, Series)

Over the holidays, Lily and Jorge Diaz, siblings, are each on a quest to find love and meaning.

Cast: Emeraude Toubia, Rome Flynn

Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

LOVE WEDDING REPEAT (English)

As Jack works to ensure his younger sister has the ideal wedding day, multiple iterations of the same wedding take place.

Cast: Eleanor Tomlinson, Olivia Munn, Sam Claflin

Watch on: Netflix

SUBSCRIPTION

Sony LIV:	₹ 299 per month
Zee5:	₹ 399 for 3 months
Disney+Hotstar:	₹ 199 for 3 months
Netflix:	₹ 149 per month

POLISH EASTER LAMB PIEROGI

INGREDIENTS

Pierogi Dough

Maida: 2 ¼ cups

Hot water (warm it with butter): 1 cup

Salt: 1 tsp, butter: 40 g

FOR PIEROGI FILLING

Onion: 1 medium, chopped and caramelized

Lamb: 250g minced (substitute Mushroom for vegetarian)

Potato: 1 large, Cumin powder: ¼ tsp

Cinnamon powder: A pinch

Salt: as per taste

Freshly ground black pepper: as per taste

Greek yogurt: A pinch

METHOD

Heat the water with butter until it melts. Place the flour in a large bowl and make a well in the centre. Add salt and a little water at a time. Bring the dough together, kneading well and adding water as necessary until you achieve a soft dough. Cover the dough with a bowl or towel. Let it rest for 30 minutes.

Boil potatoes in salted water until fork tender. Brown the lamb in a bit of oil. Drain potatoes, then mash them with Greek yogurt to make them smooth. Drain the cooked lamb of any liquid and add potatoes. Add seasoning and mix. Taste and adjust if necessary.

On a floured work surface, roll the dough out to about 1/8-inches and cut with a 2-inch round. Spoon a portion (no more than a teaspoon) of the filling into the middle of each circle. Fold dough in half and press the edges with a fork. Gather scraps, re-roll and fill. Repeat with the remaining dough.

Bring a large pan of salted water to boil. Boil the pierogies about five at a time, to let them have room to move around. When the pierogi rise to the surface, continue to simmer for about five minutes.

Let it cool and then pan-fry in a small amount of oil until it's browned on both sides.

Serve it with sour cream and sauerkraut.

By Goku K Mohit (Hygge by Chef Goku)

WINE-GLAZED CHICKEN

INGREDIENTS

Ground nutmeg: 1/2 tsp

Pepper powder: 3/4-1 tsp , Chilli powder: 1/2 tsp

Chicken legs: 8 (thigh, drumstick or both)

Butter: 1/4 cup

Dry white wine (non-alcoholic can be used as well) or sparkling white grape juice: 11/3 cup

Mushrooms: 1 cup sliced and fresh

Red bell pepper: 1 thinly sliced

Spring onion: 4-5 chopped (only white part)

Chicken broth: 4 tbsp

Corn starch: 4 tsp

Salt: as per taste

By Zynndyy Daniellie Namazi (Ovenly Pleasures by Zynndyy)

METHOD

Sprinkle salt, pepper, chilli powder and ground nutmeg over chicken.

In a medium skillet, melt butter over medium heat; add chicken. Cook for about 10 minutes or until golden, turning often.

Stir in wine, mushrooms, bell pepper, and scallions; boil over medium heat. Reduce heat to medium-low; cover and simmer for 20 minutes or until chicken is done and no pink remains. Remove chicken from the skillet, and keep warm.

Whisk together broth and cornstarch until smooth; add to drippings in skillet. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, 1 minute or until thickened. Serve drumsticks over buttered rice; spoon glaze over chicken.

Serve with warm buttered rice and mashed potatoes.

EASTER FEASTER

EASTER, which has its roots in more than 2,000 years of tradition, honours the fundamental event in the life of the Christian church — the resurrection of Jesus Christ. According to Christians, this event fulfilled the biblical prophecy of a messiah who would rise from the dead. It is also the day that breaks the 50 days of fasting. A table filled with dishes taking inspiration from around the world greets you on Easter.

Diya Maria George brings some delicious options you can add to this year's feast.

EASTER EGGS

INGREDIENTS

Cooking chocolate: 1,500g

Butter: 2 tsp, Salt: one pinch

METHOD

Melt the chocolate and the butter.

Powder into egg moulds and refrigerate till completely dry.

Demould and decorate with icing of your choice in a piping bag.

By Rachel Nigli

SHEPHERD'S PIE

INGREDIENTS

Onion: 2

Peas, corn, carrots: 1/2 cup

Beef or lamb: 1/2kg

Tomato sauce: 1 tbsp

Worcester sauce: 1 tbsp

Broth: 1 cup

Pepper: 1 tsp

Salt: 1 tsp

Potato: 5

Butter: 1 stick

Milk: 1/2 cup

Parmesan cheese

Kiran G Thomas

METHOD

Sauté onions with olive oil and then add minced beef or lamb.

Add thyme, parsley, and rosemary.

Once it's sautéd well, add peas, tiny bits of carrots and corn. Add pepper and salt. Sauté well.

Boil potatoes till it's cooked well.

Add tomato sauce and Worcester sauce when you are sautéing.

Mash the potatoes, add salt, butter and a little bit of milk.

Layer the first ingredients and then put the mashed potato on top. Put a few celery leaves and bake until it's cooked well, about 30 to 40 minutes.

XPRESS FOCUS

HUBNER opens 'Namma Factory' in Bengaluru

With a new plant near Bengaluru, the Hubner Group is strengthening its presence in India and significantly expanding its production capacities for the mobility markets in the Asia-Pacific region.

Hubner India produces among others over 500 gangway systems for Indian Railways (Train 18) and over 800 gangway systems for Indian manufacturer BEML (Mumbai Metro).

"The new 'Namma Factory' makes it possible for Hubner to operate more effectively, more flexibly and with shorter delivery routes in India's growing market," said Kai Mentel, Managing Director of the Group.

"With local production at the new location, we are not only meeting localisation requirements and reliably serving the needs of our customers, we are also strengthening the entire global production network of the Hubner Group,"

From left: Achim Burkart (Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Bengaluru), Markus Pfefferer (CEO, Tibil Solutions), Uwe Sperber (Site Manager of Hubner India), Reinhard Hubner (Owner of Hubner Group), Bettina Kraft (Hubner project manager of 'Namma Factory'), Kai Mentel (MD of the Hubner Group), Hubert Reilard (Indo-German Chamber of Commerce)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

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I, MEENAKSHI D, W/o Anthony Bhaskar, Aged About 53 years, R/at: No.42, 'B' Block 02, Arasu Colony, 36th Cross, East End Main Road, Jayanagar, Bangalore-69. My Ration Card, Voter ID, Aadhar Card, Pan Card My name is entered as **"MEENAKSHI D"** in my passport have named as **"MEENAKSHI"** and I declare that my correct name is **"MEENAKSHI D"**,

I state that in all further documents my name is **"MEENAKSHI D"** only. vide affidavit **dated 06-03-2023 before Notary & Advocate, H. L. Anantha Swamy, Bangalore.**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) SHRUTI BHARAMA BASAVAGOL** Spouse of NO 16119883F HAV BHARAMA BASAVANNI BASAVVAGOL, Residing at Dadabanahatti (Vill), Yamakan Maradi (Post), Hukkeri (Taluk), Belagavi (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 591246, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) SHRUTI BHARAMA BASAVVAGOL** Vide Affidavit Dated 04.04.2023 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU.B.N, BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO. 16113947L L/NK BASAVARAJ .B, of unit:7 ENGR REGT, 61FD COY, C/O 99 APO, Pin:914007, Have Changed My Father Name **(OLD NAME) KANAKAPPA BANDARI** to **(NEW NAME) KANAKAPPA BHANDARI** Vide Affidavit Dated 06.04.2023 Sworn Before Notary D. GUNA SHEKAR BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MOHAMMED IMAAD ZAKRIYA**, S/o Mohammed Zakriya, aged 21 years, residing at No. 10, 2nd Cross, 1st Main Road, Opp. Sun Shine School, Ashwath Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560094 have changed my name to **MOHAMMED IMAAD**, vide affidavit dated 05/04/2023, before Notary **L. GOPALAKRISHNA**, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **MALLANAGOUDA SANGANAGOUDA BIRADAR @ MALLANAGOUDA SANGANAGOUDA PATIL**, age 49 years, S/o Sanganagouda Biradar, R/at No. 331, Mahalakshmi Layout, Near Anjaneya Temple, Bangalore North, Mahalakshmipuram Layout, Bangalore-560 086 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **MALLANAGOUDA SANGANAGOUDA BIRADAR** and **MALLANAGOUDA SANGANAGOUDA PATIL** are one and the same and refers to me only, vide affidavit dated 5-4-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **RAJESHWARI** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SYED ABDUL KAREEM MASOOD, S/o. Vazir Syed Ahmed, aged about 65 years, (Date of Birth: 02.07.1958) residing at No.10/3, Khazi Street, Islamabad, Mosque Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru - 560004, I declare that my father's name is **VAZIR SYED AHMED,** But wrongly mentioned as **ABDUL RAZAK,** vide affidavit dated 29/3/2023 sworn before V. Rangaraju advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **AFIFA KULSUM** W/o **Mohammed Ilyas Shariff,** R/at Old No.26, New No.8, 4th Cross, Coffee Board Colony, Muneshwara Nagar, DJ Halli, Bangalore- 560045, have changed my name to **AFEEFA KULSUM** vide affidavit dated: 6/4/2023 Before Notary **M.Rajendra** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **TAMILCHELVAN** S/o **A.S. Ganesha,** R/at No.9B, 9th Cross, 38th Main, Near Shiva Temple, SBI Colony, J.P.Nagar, 1st Phase, Bangalore- 560078, have changed my name to **G.TAMILCHELVAN** vide affidavit dated: 6/4/2023 Before Notary **H.G.Padmanabha Rao** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) NIMSHA PRASAD NARAYAN Residing at No. #83, LIG 707 CHS, 2nd Cross, 4th Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru - 560064. Have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) NIMSHA PRASAD NARAYAN** to **(NEW NAME) NIMISHA PRASAD NARAYAN** Vide affidavit dated 31.03.2023 sworn before Notary Gangaraju B.N. Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO.16119883F HAV BHARAMA BASAVANNI BASAVVAGOL RHQ CAMP, 18ENGR REGT, C/O 56 APO, PIN:914018, Have Changed My Daughter Name **(OLD NAME) ABHILASHA BHARAMA BASAVAGOL** to **(NEW NAME) ABHILASHA BHARAMA BASAVVAGOL** And Son Name **(OLD NAME) AYUSH BHARAMA BASAVAGOL** to **(NEW NAME) AYUSH BHARAMA BASAVVAGOL** Vide Affidavit Dated 04.04.2023 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU.B.N, BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SULTAN AHMED. K. (New Name) residing at No. 13B, 18th Street, Chandni Chowk Road Cross, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru-560051. Have Changed my Name from **MOHAMED SULTAN AHMED KHADER (Old Name)** to **SULTAN AHMED. K. (New Name)** vide affidavit dated 6th April 2023 sworn before notary R. Basavaraja.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MAHESH .H.S**, son of Shivamadaiah, Aged 37 years, Residing at No. 161/1, Ullal Bhasthi Main Road, Near Aishwarya Estate, Bangalore - 560 110, do hereby declare that **MAHESH .H.S** and **MAHESHA .H.S.** are the names pertains to me only. Henceforth I shall be known and called as **MAHESH .H.S,** for all practical purposes and I sign accordingly. Vide affidavit dated 05.04.2023 sworn to before M. Rajendra, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **GIRIDHAR .P.V**, S/o. T.N. Veerabhadrappa, Aged about 22 years, Residing at No. 11, 5th Cross, 1st Main, Near BDA Flots, Jagajyothinagara, Pachasheelanagara, Bangalore - 560 072, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **GANESH P.V.** to **GIRIDHAR .PV** vide affidavit dated 06.04.2023 sworn to before K. Gunde Gowda, Advocate & Notary Public, Government of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ALLAN MATHEW**, Aged about 31 years, S/o. K.A. Mathew, R/at No. 361, 8th Main, 4th Cross, Viveknagar, Bengaluru - 560 047, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SEBASTIAN ALLAN MATHEW** to **ALLAN MATHEW** vide affidavit dated 06.04.2023 sworn to before Anitha Bai, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **POOJA B** W/o **Arjun J**, Aged about 34 Years, R/at No. 184, 3rd Cross, Kanakapura Town and Tulak, Vivekanandanagar, Kanakapura, Ramanagar - 562117, hve changed my name to **HEMALATHA B** vide affidavit dated: 7/4/2023 Before Notary **Muktar Ahmed Khan** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) JAYACHANDRAN, residing at No. 27, Viswesvaraiah Road, Jai Bharathi Nagar, Bangalore-560033, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) JAYACHANDRAN** to **(NEW NAME) THYAGARAJAN JAYACHANDRAN** vide affidavit Dated 06/04/2023 sworn before Notary P.N.Nagesha, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) SEEMA SINGH Spause of Awadhesh Kumar Singh Residing at No. 34/6, MP Camp, Air Force Murgeshpalya Bangalore. Have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SEEMA SINGH** to **(NEW NAME) SIMA SINGH** Vide affidavit dated 28.03.2023 sworn before Notary A.R. Muneer Ahmed, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) J A LITTLE JEGAM** Spouse of NO JC-313050H SUB ANI KUMAR J, Residing at Vayalankari House Name, Methukunnal (Vill), Chotencode (Post), Kanyakumari(Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN:629153, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) J A LITTLE JAGAM** Vide Affidavit Dated 06.04.2023 Sworn Before Notary B.V. NAGABHUSHANA BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **CHAITRA SANTOSHKUMAR SHIRAHATTI**, aged about 37 years, W/o Sathoshkumar Shirahatti, R/at #B1002, Arvind Sporcia Apartments, Behind Manyata Tech Park, Rachenahalli Main Road, Dr. Shivarama Karanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560077, Karnataka State, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **CHAITRA MUGALAGERI** to **CHAITRA SANTOSHKUMAR SHIRAHATTI**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **CHAITRA SANTOSHKUMAR SHIRAHATTI** only, vide affidavit dated 01-04-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SUNIL V SHET** S/o Venkatsh .B.V, aged 40 years, R/at No. 102, 2nd Floor, AH Pride Apartment, Hennur Garden, 2nd Cross, Narayanappa Layout, Hennur Bande, Kalyananagar Post, Bangalore-560 043 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **SUNIL V** and **SUNIL V SHET** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **SUNIL V SHET** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 6-4-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ONKARAPPA N.R.** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mrs. SYEDA AYESHA**, aged about 39 years, D/o Syed Shakila, residing at No. 19, New No. 525, 6th Cross, 6th Main, Bapu College, Yeshwanthpura, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560022, Karnataka do hereby declare that both the name of my daughter i.e. **UMEHABIBA LUBNA ZAMA** and **ALISHA SOPHIA** are one and the same and refers to my daughter only, henceforth she shall be known and called as **ALISHA SOPHIA** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 6-4-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S. JAYANTH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Sai Prasanna** W/o Sharad Kumar, aged about 42 years, residing at Flat No. 9082, Prestige Wellington Park, Gangamma Circle, Bangalore-560013, have changed my minor son's name from **Aarav Kannancheril Sharad** to **AARAV SHARAD,** vide affidavit dated 4/4/2023 sworn before D. Mala advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MAMATHA NAVEEN** W/o **B.L.Naveen** R/at No.253, 4th D Main Road, Maruthi Layout, Vasanthapura, Subramanyapura Post, Bangalore- 560061, have changed my name to **M.MAMATHA** vide affidavit dated: 6/4/2023 Before Notary **H.G.Padmanabha Rao** Bangalore.

DECLARATION

I, RONI DWIVEDI (Aadhar No. 9531 5696 8914, Voter ID No. ZBG 8667636), citizen of India, R/o: No. 144/113, Site No. 25, Bharathinagar, Hunasamaranahalli, Bangalore-562157, do hereby state that I am the son of Mr. VINOD KUMAR DWIVEDI (Aadhar No. 5871 9872 1569, Voter ID ZBG5026141) & Late. Mrs. SUSHMA DWIVEDI (Aadhar No. 4693 6143 0453, Voter ID ZBG5026158) and I have a sibling sister JYOTSNA DWIVEDI (Voter ID ZBG5026174). I hereby declare that I have changed my name from RAHUL **DWIVEDI alias RONIT DWIVEDI to RONI DWIVEDI** through an Affidavit dated 15-09-2017, Sl. No. 25, Pg No. 02 Volume No. GL-34, sworn to before Notary Public and the same was published in The Indian Express & Samyuktha Karnataka News Papers on 24-09-2017 and henceforth in all my official and other records my name is mentioned as **RONI DWIVEDI,** Vide Declaration dated: 05-04-2023 declared before Notary Public G.P.CHAYA, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SANJU SHREYAS V R, S/o. Late Vasanth Kumar H V Residing at No. 12, 5th A Cross, SIR M.V. Nagar, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore - 550016, state that I have changed my name from **SANJU SHREYAS V R** to **SANJU SHREYAS H.K.,** S/o. Late Kumaraswamy H V and declared that my Father's Correct Name is **KUMARASWAMY H V** Vide order dated 01.11.2021 of XVII Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) DHANALKSHMI YEDUVAKA** Spouse of No.16115614X SPR SATTI BABU YEDUVAKA, Residing at Vallampudi (vill), Vepada(Post) Vizianagaram(Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH(State) Pin:535281, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) DHANALAKSHMI YEDUVAKA** Vide Affidavit Dated 01.04.2023 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU .B.N BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Gayathri. H.S. W/o Byrappa. T.M, aged about 30 years, R/at Ramanagara District, Kanakapura Taluk, Maralavadi Hobli, ThatteKere, have changed my minor daughter's name from **PRAGNA GOWDA.B** to **PRAGNYA GOWDA.B** vide affidavit dated: 06.04.2023 before Notary Smt. VATSALA, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PAVANI ENDELA**, Age 34 years, Residing at # No. 598, 2nd Floor, NTI Layout, 2nd Sector, Near Vivekananda School, Rajeev Gandhinagar, Sahakaranagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560 092, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PAVANI E** to **PAVANI ENDELA** vide affidavit dated 6.4.2023 sworn to before K.V. Nanjaiah, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **S. RANJEETH KUMAR**, Aged about 42 years, S/o. Mr. N.C. Subramani R/o. 1014/C, 17th 'D' Cross, 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru - 560 038, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **S. RANJEETH KUMAR** to **RANJEETH KUMAR SUBRAMANI** vide affidavit dated 27.3.2023 sworn to before S. Vijaya Kumar, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mr. Pramod Bapurao Dhore, aged about 55 years, S/o.Bapuraoji M. Dhore, R/at No.L-1204, Purva Venezia, Major Sandeep unnikrishnan Road, Near Mother Dairy, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore North, Bengaluru 560 064 have changed my names from Pramod Bapurao Dhore, Pramod Dhore, Pramod B.Dhore & Pramod Bapuraoji Dhore to **Pramod Bapurao Dhore**. vide Affidavit dated 1/4/2023 sworn before Advocate & Notary S.R.Ravikumar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SARASWATHI** W/o **P.R.Ramesh**, R/at No.144, Lalbagh Fort Road, Parvathipuram, Bangalore-560004, have changed my name to **K.SARASWATHI** vide affidavit dated: 5/4/2023 Before Notary **H.G. Padmanabha Rao** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SANTOSH BAFNA** W/o Prakash F Jain Residing at No. 22, E.A.T. Street, Gandhi Bazar, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru- 560004 Declare that **SANTOSH BAFNA and SANTOSH JAIN** are one and the same person i.e. myself. Henceforth, I will be known as **SANTOSH BAFNA** vide affidavit dated 31.03.2023 sworn before Notary B.S. Padma Prasad, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I,**(OLD NAME) GULZAR BANU PATHAN** Spouse of NO. 16124990M L/NK SAMEER MULLA, Residing at Karoshi, Chikodi (Post & TALUK), Belagavi (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 591226, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) GULZARBANU MULLA** Vide Affidavit Dated 06.04.2023 Sworn Before Notary B.V. NAGABHUSHANA BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MOHAMMED ZAKRIYA JAFFER** S/o Mohammed Jaffer, aged 51 years, residing at No. 10, 2nd Cross, 1st Main Road, Opp. Sun Shine School, Ashwath Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560094 have changed my name to **MOHAMMED ZAKRIYA**, vide affidavit dated 05/04/2023 before Notary **L. GOPALAKRISHNA**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DEVARAJ DEVASANDRA KRISHNAPPA**, R/o No. 14, Kuvempu Layout, 6th Cross, Devasandra, K.R. Puram, Bengaluru-560 036, Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **DEVARAJA DEVASANDRA KRISHNAPPA** to **DEVARAJ DEVASANDRA KRISHNAPPA**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **DEVARAJ DEVASANDRA KRISHNAPPA** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 6-4-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G. RAJENDRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

WE, (1) **PABBARAJU VENKATA NAGASREE,** Aged about 26 years, D/o. Venkata Naga Rama Chandra Murthy (Maiden name of wife) (2) **LALITH M V N** S/o. Vidya Sagar M, Residing at # 0344, 3rd Main Road, 2nd Stage, West of Chord Road, Mahalakshmipura, Bangalore - 560 086, do hereby declare that **PABBARAJU VENKATA NAGASREE** (maiden name of wife) would henceforth be known as **SRI PRIYA VENKATA NAGA MADDALI** (name of wife after marriage) by virtue of our marriage. I state that my maiden name **PABBARAJU VENKATA NAGASREE** and the present name **SRI PRIYA VENKATA NAGA MADDALI** is the name of one and the same person and that is myself. Vide affidavit dated 05.04.2023 sworn to before L. Veena, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Proma Chatterjee, W/o Mr. Dibyendu Mukherjee, aged about 42 years residing at A-207, Keerthi Gardenia, Opposite Vibgyor High School, Thubarahalli, Bengaluru-560066, Karnataka, India, have changed my name from **'PROMA CHATTERJEE'** to **'PROMA MUKHERJEE'** vide Affidavit dated 07/04/2023 sworn before Advocate and Notary Indira S.S, Bangalore.

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SHIVAJI SURATHKAL 2

BRINGS STRONG WOMEN CHARACTERS INTO THE STORY

A SHARADHAA

...says director Akash Srivatsa, as he talks about his upcoming investigative thriller starring Ramesh Aravind

WRITER-director Akash Srivatsa, who is coming up with the sequel of the much-loved *Shivaji Surathkal*, shares that this instalment will have strong women characters. "There are a host of women that enrich the journey of Shivaji Surathkal. Be it his mother, sister, wife, daughter, and friends, each of them have a strong presence in his life," says Akash as he delves deep into the characterisations of the women in *Shivaji Surathkal 2*.

"In the sequel, Shivaji, at one point is very vulnerable, and talks to his dead wife, played by Radhika Narayan. We have Meghana Goankar, who plays Shivaji's superior officer, and is his support system," says Akash, adding, "Sangeetha Sringeri, who appears in a special dance number, has a very key role to play in the film, which also has Vidya Murthy playing Shivaji's mother-in-law, who has a pivotal character to play."

The director observes that the most important woman in Shivaji's life is definitely his daughter Siri Surathkal, played by Aaradhya. The other women in Shivaji's journey include characters played by Nidhi Hegde, Srusti Shetty, and Madhura Gowda.

'My role as Deepa Kamath adds value and importance'

MEGHANA GAONKAR, who plays DCP Deepa Kamath, the boss of Shivaji Surathkal, believes director Akash has a great eye for casting. "It was producer Rekha KN's idea that a lady should be cast as Shivaji's boss," says Meghana, who felt doubly responsible to play the role correctly as her father is a cop.

Even though the role is small, Meghana feels she plays a rather realistic character with a lot of value and importance. "I met a few ACPs/IAS officers (women) to learn their body language. I also watched a lot of films suggested by my director for reference."

Meghana Gaonkar

'It's been a beautiful journey with Shivaji Surathkal 1 and 2 indeed'

RADHIKA Narayan's Janani will return for the sequel even if she just exists in Shivaji's subconscious. "In such a representation you get to explore the character from various angles," says Radhika Narayan about her role as she shares her experience working with director Akash and actor Ramesh Aravind. "I had a great time working with the director, especially during dubbing sessions. I have used different voice modulations to enhance my scenes. We all had as much fun shooting for part 2 as we did for part 1. Ramesh Aravind sir's positive energy reflected on every one of us on the sets. Acting with him gave me so much creative joy. I just had to react to his expressive eyes. I'm keeping all my fingers and toes crossed for the success of the film," says Radhika.

Radhika Narayan

'The special song features me in a role, which I think is out-of-the-box'

SANGEETHA Sringeri plays Silky Sharmila in the film. "Having played girl-next-door characters in my career, Sharmila is a very unique and special role. The song features me with heavy eye makeup, red lipstick, red velvet short romper with long wavy hair. That's something I never even dreamt of dancing in," she says.

Explaining in brief about her role, Sangeetha says, "Sharmila is surrounded by a lot of men, but she is waiting for that one man, and that one moment that will make everything special." Talking about the relatable lyrics of the song, Sangeetha shares, "I must thank Akash and Judah Sandy for giving me this beautiful song. Master Dhananjay just transformed my whole body language to adapt to this freestyle dancing."

Sringeri Sringeri

Naina Sarwar

Naina Sarwar makes a mark in all South Indian languages

CE FEATURES

NAINA Sarwar, who made her debut with the Kannada film, *Bettanagere*, and followed it up with *Kolara* and *Ooty*, is happy to have come a full circle in the South. She has worked in Tamil (*Adra Machan Visilu, Kolanji*), and is awaiting the release of her maiden Telugu (*Suryapet Junction*) film, and her first Malayalam film(*Kajuraho Dreams*).

While *Suryapet Junction*, which stars Eswar and Abhimanyu Singh, is expected to release sometime this month, *Kajuraho Dreams*, which is now in the post-production phase. The actor, who is currently in a good space, says it is a dream for every female actor to expand her horizons in as many languages as possible. "Today, there are no boundaries between industries, and this has only given us more scope to pick up good subjects and roles," says the actor, who feels working in each language has been a different experience.

"For an actor, the process of facing the camera will be the same. It is the team, the atmosphere, and the project that makes all the difference," she says.

Naina Sarwar is also in the process of finalising more projects in the South Indian languages. "I also have a Kannada film, titled *Kanmani*, starring Srinagar Kitty as the lead. The project is on floors, and we are awaiting the completion of shooting," says Naina.

Sudeep completes shooting his portions for Rajeev's *Usire Usire*

CE FEATURES

Kichcha Sudeep appears in a cameo in *Bigg Boss* contestant Rajeev's upcoming film, *Usire Usire*, which is directed by CM Vijay.

Sudeep recently filmed his portions for the film, which is currently in the last phase of shooting. While the details of the role haven't been released yet, a few pictures from the sets were shared by the makers.

Backed by Pradeep Yadav's Gombe banner, *Usire Usire* has cinematography by Manu and music by Vivek Chakraborty.

Apart from Rajeev, *Usire Usire* also starsShrijitha Nayaki. Tara, Suchendra Prasad, Rajesh Nataranga, Ali, Brahmanandam, Sadhukokila, Devaraj, Manju Pavagada, Jagappa, Shiva, and Sushmita.

Sudeep on the sets of Usire Usire

CE FEATURES

WE had earlier reported that the shooting of Hemanth M Rao's third production venture, *Agnyathavasi*, helmed by *Gultoo* director Janardhan Chikkanna was wrapped up. The teaser of the film was released today. Set in the 1990s with the Western Ghats as its backdrop, the teaser features Rangayana Raghu as the central character, is trapped in amurder mystery. Interestingly, a veteran of over 150 films, *Agnyathavasi* marks Rangayana Raghu's debut as a protagonist.

Janardhan shares that a murder mystery might work either as a James Bond-ish film or treated like a Sherlockian investigation, but *Agnyathavasi* will have a different approach. "We have tried to focus on the psyche of the killer before and after the act of murder."

With Charan Raj scoring the music, Agnyathavasi has Advaitha Gurumurthy handling the cinematography. Apart from Rangayana Raghu, the film also stars Paavana, Siddu Moolimani, Sharath Lohithashwa, and Ravi Shankar Gowda playing key roles.

Life and death get interesting perspectives in this omnibus

A SHARADHAA

RATING 3/5

Death ties together the five stories that are part of *Pentagon*, the latest Kannada anthology. Directors Guru Deshpande, Akash Srivatsa, Raghu Shivammoga, Chandramohan, and Kiran Kumar deliver a portmanteau film that attempts different genres like thriller, dark comedy, emotional drama, and caste-based drama. Powered by good performances, these shorts are compelling, with a couple of them really standing out from the rest.

Chandramohan's short, *Mr. Goolgy Cafe*, revolves around a man who wants to end his life, and goes to the extent of employing the services of a contract killer. The episode has a strong premise but fails in its execution. The ending of the story of a young man's death wish doesn't really leave an impact, and that acts detrimental to the short.

Mysore Pak by Akash Srivatsa is more realistic and revolves around a retired teacher who is unhappy with home food and craves sweets. Incidentally, in a hunt to fulfill his cravings, he comes across a stranger, who introduces him to the Swiggy app and he begins to order his favourite food. However, this happiness is cut short, bringing a hard-hitting message and a universal truth.

Raghu Shivamogga's *Kamaturanan Na Bhayam Na Lajja* is a thriller that is about the murder of a middle-aged woman. A boy in the neighbourhood becomes the suspect as the case is investigated by the area police officer. Although the narrative strolls through some sleazy sequences, Raghu's episodes highlight a relevant topic of honey trapping and blackmail.

Doni Sagali Munde Hogali by debutant Kiran Kumar discusses the topic of love, relationships, hatred, violence, and death keeping caste-based hierarchy as an underlying theme. The social drama makes it interesting, which sees a good set of performances and is captured well by cinematographer Abhilash Kalathi.

PENTAGON

Directors: Guru Deshpande, Akash Srivatsa, Raghu Shivammoga, Chandramohan, and Kiran Kumar

Cast: Kishore, Pruthvi Ambaar, Prakash Belawadi, RAvi Shankar, Pramod Shetty, Sagara, Tanisha Kuppanda, Pritika Deshpande, Prerana Kambam

Guru Deshpande's *Karma* uses Kannada activism as the backdrop. While it manages to offer many twists and turns, the overall impact is underwhelming. The attempt to surprise the audience comes at the cost of the subtext, which is ultimately a revenge drama.

Anthologies are definitely different from the regular commercial entertainers being made in Kannada. Among the five, Raghu Shivammoga's story about honey trapping is bold and thought-provoking. In fact, it is more like a wake-up call. The best of *Pentagon* is reserved for the end, and *Karma* is bolstered by an exceptional performance by actor Kishore along with Pruthvi Ambaar coming as a good support. Prakash Belawadi and Ravi Shankar put up a good show in their respective stories while Pramod Shetty, Sagara, Tanisha Kuppanda, Pritika Deshpande, Prerana Kambam, among many others have delivered convincing performances.

The score of Kadri Manikanth elevates the underlying theme of *Pentagon*.

There are a lot of stories, a lot of characters, and a lot of takeaways from *Pentagon*, which highlights the importance of life, and the consequences of death, and leaves the audience with the envious task of picking the best of the lot.